

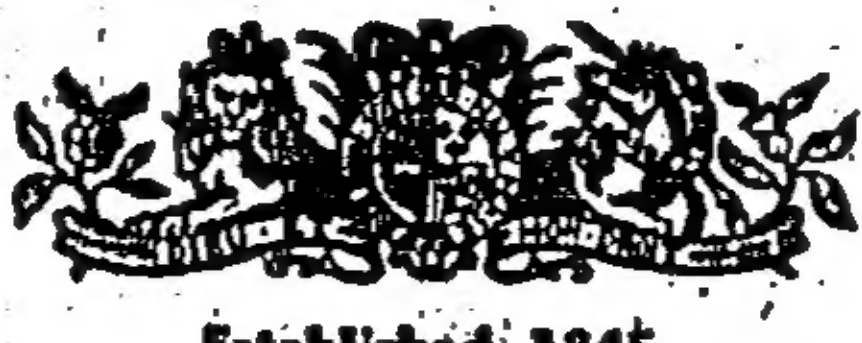
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SOVIET NOTE CAUSES CRISIS

Marines Run A Train

Need For West German Rearmament

France Says Russia Is To Blame

Paris, Dec. 17. French diplomats tonight prepared a five-point note to Soviet Russia, throwing back on Moscow responsibility for West German rearmament.

Use of German units, said well-informed French officials, is necessary to help defend the West against the overwhelming military machine which exists East of the Iron curtain.

This was being drafted as France's answer to the Russian note yesterday accusing France of violating the 1944 Franco-Russian alliance in encouraging German rearmament and joining an alleged anti-Soviet coalition.

The Soviet moved on the eve of the 12-power conference in Brussels, where Atlantic Pact Foreign Ministers are to decide on the incorporation of German units, it and when the Bonn government agrees to furnish them.

A similar Russian note to London accused Britain of violating the Anglo-Russian treaty and the three-power accord of Potsdam.

THE FIVE POINTS

The five points of the French reply as outlined by well-informed officials were:

1. Russian rejection of international arms control by the United Nations is the cause of the current world arms race.
2. Soviet satellites of Eastern Europe have violated the peace treaties of 1947 in maintaining armies larger than the treaties permit. This has produced a "profound upbalance" of Eastern and Western forces.
3. Russian refusal to aid UN in establishing a system of collective security, especially in Korea, has created a deep feeling of insecurity.
4. German military forces have been created in the Soviet zone of Germany. France has never been officially notified of the creation of the "Popular Police" in the Soviet zone but had she been notified she would have considered their existence a violation of articles two and five of the Franco-Russian treaty.
5. Only because of these circumstances France is obliged to study reinforcement of her own security and that of West Europe. Hence she has begun the study of a possible West German contribution to the common defence.—Associated Press.

Winston In Morocco

Marrakesh, Dec. 17. Mr Winston Churchill arrived here today by air to spend his Christmas holidays in Morocco.—Reuters.

ATMOSPHERE Russian Opposition To Rearming Of West Germany

Brussels, Dec. 17.

Russia's newest threats to act if Germans are rearmed threw an atmosphere of crisis over Atlantic Pact leaders assembling here tonight to seal Western defence plans.

Foreign and Defence Ministers of the 12 nation group meet formally on Monday to consider the grand design of defence against Communism. Their experts have drawn up this design after two years of talking.

One of its key provisions looks to the use of a German contingent in a combined Western Army in Europe. To this, the Russians objected in a sudden move which has blanketed Monday's conference under a crisis atmosphere as thick as the heavy snow which fell all afternoon.

The Kremlin sent notes to Britain and France on Saturday which asserted:

1. Arming of Germans by the Atlantic Allies would violate the Potsdam pact of 1945.
2. West Germany's inclusion in the Atlantic Pact setup would invalidate Russia's alliance treaties with Britain and France.

The Russians said they would not tolerate German rearmament. They did not say what they would do, but they put the responsibility on Britain and France for anything that might happen. Some Western diplomats here were asking if this was not the kind of warning Red China made, and later fulfilled, as the United Nations forces crossed the 38th Parallel in Korea.

In London, a Foreign Office spokesman described the Soviet note as a "tactical device" timed to coincide with the Brussels meeting.

American Secretary of State Dean Acheson is due to arrive here on Monday. He and his aides are expected to urge that the best way to meet Russian threats is to translate defence plans into deeds.

GENERAL AGREEMENT

There is general agreement about this among the pact partners. It is, however, tempered with some misgiving on the part

of one or two nations which have never really liked the idea of putting Germans in uniform again.

French and British officials, for instance, said the Ministers may make their decisions on the use of Germans provisionally, pending the outcome of a planned show down conference with the Russians on Germany.

The big Western powers are due in the next day or two formally to agree to such a conference, which the Russians asked for early in November. American, British and French plans will go to Moscow proposing an early meeting of the Foreign Ministers' Council on Germany and other questions.

The time it would take to arrange big four talks could then be used, in the British and French view, to get an unwilling West German government to accept the Atlantic Allies' plan for raising a 150,000 strong force.

Federal Chancellor Konrad Adenauer already has received an outline of the plan. He and other West German political leaders have turned it down in advance, however, on the ground that it keeps West Germany in a position of inferiority in relation to other Western nations.

The Defence and Foreign Ministers meet in joint session on Monday.

The decisions will trigger into action one of the mightiest peacetime defence programmes in all history. Its purpose is to build up a wall of men and steel in a giant semicircle around the Red belt of Europe, from Norway in the far north down to Sicily in the south.

The Secretary of State, Mr Dean Acheson, Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin and the Foreign Minister, M. Robert Schuman, are due to meet privately in the course of their three days stay here to discuss issues outside the Atlantic pact.

While the emphasis of their talks is likely to stay on Germany and the need to speed Western preparations they will also take the opportunity of looking at the Far Eastern situation.

HOPES WHITTLED

Since the 12-nation defence treaty was signed in the Spring of 1949, the hopes of men for a lasting peace have been whittled down by the mounting tempo of the East-West cold war and the fighting in Korea. The nations of Europe, notably, are nervous. France has shown in that time they are loath to march again only five years after VE Day.

Yet this two-minded Europe, torn between its twin fears of Russia and a revived Germany, has been led into decisions by the Korean war. And so it looks like going along with the United States and Britain in a move to give Germans of the West guns again.

Waiting to prepare defences against Communism is America's General Dwight D. Eisenhower, the man who led the Western fight against Fascism in World War II.

The US some months ago offered to commit a large new force of the defence of Europe. But she hinged the offer on her Allies acceptance of an adequate plan for defending Europe as far East as possible.—Associated Press.

TRUMAN'S STATEMENT

Washington, Dec. 17. The following is the text of President Harry Truman's statement as Mr Dean Acheson, US Secretary of State, left for the Brussels conference:

Our Secretary of State, Dean Acheson, is flying today to represent this country at a Council meeting of the North Atlantic Treaty powers.

He is leaving at a time when this country and the other nations of the free world stand in their greatest peril.

This is going to be a very important meeting.

Out of it will come arrangements for a friendly integrated European defence system.

Such a system will provide the basis for a strong and effective Supreme Command under distinguished leadership.

This will be one more step in our broad plan to strengthen the free nations of the world for peace.

Our foreign policy must be a continuing and consistent policy.

We shall continue here and in other areas of the world to build our strength and the strength of our allies to maintain peace in the world.

This meeting in Brussels will show that contrary to Communist hopes the peoples of the North Atlantic community are determined to remain united. Secretary Acheson goes tonight to Brussels to represent this country.



These US Marines won't miss the train—they run it. From rolling stock battered by air attacks, they have assembled one locomotive and 13 coaches which they have found very useful during the North Korean fighting and in the retreat southwards.—London Express Service.

REQUESTS DEBATE ON KASHMIR

Lake Success, Dec. 17. The Pakistan Foreign Minister, Sir Mohammed Zafrulla Khan, has asked the Security Council to reopen the debate on Kashmir.

The text of Sir Mohammed's letter to the Security Council reads:

"I have the honour to invite your attention to the letter of September 15, 1950, from the UN representative for India and Pakistan to the President of the Security Council reporting on the failure of the mission entrusted to him by the Security Council's resolution of March 14, 1950, to secure the demilitarisation of the State of Jammu and Kashmir preparatory to the holding of a plebiscite.

"Sir Owen Dixon's report has been with the Security Council for nearly three months and the people of Pakistan and of Kashmir are greatly concerned over the serious delay in dealing with the urgent and important matter.

"Almost three years have passed since the Security Council became seized of the Kashmir dispute and came to the conclusion that its solution lay in a free and impartial plebiscite to decide the question of the accession of Jammu and Kashmir to India or to Pakistan."—Reuters.

India Still Striving For Peace Formula

New Delhi, Dec. 17. India is hopeful of continuing her peace efforts despite the announced withdrawal of the Chinese delegation from Lake Success, informed sources said here today.

This country, being the only direct non-Communist link with Peking, is likely to continue as an intermediary between the Western powers and China.

The announcement that Wu Hsiang-chuan was leaving created some dismay among Indian proponents of a cease-fire, but others anticipated a shift in the emphasis of efforts to solve the Korean problem from Lake Success to New Delhi.

India, with her own Ambassador, Mr K. M. Panikkar, in Peking, is best equipped to continue the efforts to persuade the Chinese Reds to evacuate Korea.

The government has withheld official comment on the withdrawal of the Chinese delegation but there was obvious disappointment here.

Naval Guns Lay Down Curtain Of Fire To Protect Beachhead

Tokyo, Dec. 18.

American Naval guns laid a curtain of fire around the slowly melting Allied beachhead at Hungnam in northeast Korea on Sunday night.

Carrier based air strikes and Army artillery added to the weight of metal that held back the menacing Chinese Communists.

American doughboys and some South Koreans were in the outer line of the narrowing half-moon perimeter around the seaport. Now and then they rose from their snowy foxholes and drove back light Chinese attacks or struck at roving Communist patrols.

These last ditch fighters were surrounded on three sides by icy hills teaming with Reds. In the immediate area were an estimated 25,000 Chinese while upwards of 75,000 others were moving up.

The climactic fight for the beachhead, last teohold, of the US Tenth Corps in northeast Korea, was near at hand in zero weather.

HANGHUNG BYPASSED

The Chinese moved cautiously in their build-up, and appeared handicapped by lack of artillery.

Associated Press correspondent Stan Swinton reported from the beachhead that the Chinese bypassed Hungnam, former United Nations military centre for Northeast Korea. That demolition torn city, six miles in from

Hungnam port, was abandoned by the Allies on Saturday. Chinese patrols probed into Hungnam briefly, but withdrew, leaving only a few North Korean agents to reimpose Communist rule over the city.

Hungnam was made hot for the new rulers. US fighter bombers fire-bombed it on Sunday, scattering great clouds of smoke billowing from its northern suburbs.

Tenth Corps intelligence officers said between 4,000 and 10,000 Chinese advance forces were closely ringing the beachhead around Hungnam.

The US heavy cruiser Saint Paul and Rochester poured eight-inch shells into Chinese positions, raising the approaches to Hungnam. Hard-hitting destroyers stepped up the thunderous volume of the bombardment with cracking five-inch shell bursts.

There was no immediate estimate of Chinese casualties from the massed fire from ships and shore. However, 300 Reds were killed on the Hungnam plain trying to break through American infantry lines. Swinton said the Reds were caught under a shower of artillery fire.

Associated Press correspondent Tom Lambert said small numbers of white-cloaked Chinese soldiers attempted to rush American outposts in the fight in "feeler" thrusts. To reach the lines they had to pass through territory lighted by Navy star shells and swept by heavy fire.—Associated Press.

Murder Echo Two Men Surrender And Confess

Manila, Dec. 18.

Two men wanted for the murder last month of American businessman John P. Herber surrendered to Cavite province Governor Camerino.

Colonel Jose P. Rueda, Cavite Constabulary Commander, said the pair confessed participation in the hold-up murder.

Mr Herber, an American importer who had arrived in Manila that morning, was killed on November 19 while driving with friends from Manila to Cavite town of Tagaytay. Bandits stopped the car by throwing a bamboo log across the road. They began shooting when a Constabulary patrol happened on the scene, and Mr Herber was killed.

Col. Rueda said two other suspects in the killing—one a police sergeant in a small town near the scene of the ambush—were expected to be captured soon. These two suspects were once arrested but escaped from a provincial goal by removing the hinges from the goal door.—Associated Press.

Archbishop Addresses 20,000

Auckland, Dec. 17. The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Geoffrey Fisher, addressed 20,000 people assembled in the precincts and adjoining streets of Canterbury Cathedral today for Canterbury's centennial thanksgiving service. It was the greatest religious observance ever held in New Zealand.

Attending the service was the Governor-General, Sir Bernard Freyberg, the Prime Minister, Mr Sidney Holland, Ministers of State and diplomatic representatives of many countries.

Brutal Murder

Singapore, December 18. An attractive Chinese girl and two maidservants were brutally murdered in a flat in the Chinese quarter during the early hours of today.

Neighbours said they heard cries but were unable to investigate because of the curfew clamped down by the police after last Monday's Heretof riots.

No arrests have yet been made.—Associated Press.

31 Feared Dead In Air Disaster

STUDENTS AMONG PASSENGERS

Caracas, Venezuela, Dec. 17.

An Avensa Airlines DC-3 plane crashed in the Andean mountains of Southwestern Venezuela, and 31 persons, including 27 teenage students, are believed killed.

The plane, chartered by a Catholic school to take children to Caracas for their Christmas holidays, crashed on Friday after taking off from Merida, about 40 miles West of Caracas.

The airline and Radio Valera, which first reported the crash, had three crew members and 28 passengers were killed, but this is not officially confirmed. Search crews which sought to reach the crash were forced to turn back because of intense cold. The passenger list included names of prominent Venezuelan families.—Associated Press.

ALL ABOARD DEAD

A later message says that survivors finally reached the wreckage and found that all the people aboard were dead.

One Looter Slain. Second Captured

Manila, Dec. 18. Security guards surprised two looting supplies inside Clark Field Air Force base Saturday night.

They killed one and wounded and captured the second, an Air Force PRO said.—Associated Press.

COMMENT OF THE DAY

National Emergency

PRESIDENT Truman's national emergency proclamation as well as his solemn radio address to the nation signifies that the United States administration has shed its last illusions regarding the determination of international Communism to apply aggression where and whenever it can, and that Mr Truman and his advisers realise the imperative necessity of bringing the American nation to a state where it can adequately protect itself and also offer protection to its allies against further Communist intimidation. Undoubtedly events in Korea speeded President Truman's decision to mobilise his nation's defensive resources, yet in his broadcast he made it clear that Western Europe was confronted with great danger; that while Russia was willing to allow satellites such as Red China to do her fighting for her in the Far East, she herself was preparing to strike in the West. The pattern which President Truman described and the conclusions he reached are grim: the peace of the world is gravely threatened, and we would be deluding ourselves to think otherwise. Russia and her satellites are using lies and deceit as a smoke screen to cover their real intention—domination of the world through intimidation and where necessary, military action. This position was expressly stated by Mr Truman and its validity can no longer be doubted. The United States has reacted in the only way likely to impress warlike Communism. It is an action which carries with it a stern warning to Russia and her friends that further aggression cannot be tolerated; that the United States and her allies are going to make

themselves ready to defend the free countries and the peace of the world. The result is today the American people face a host of restrictions on luxury living; they will have to do without many things to provide materials of more vital importance. The coming year is to be a year of austerity, of manpower mobilisation, of tremendous effort to produce more, of higher taxation. Britons have been familiar with this way of life for 12 solid years, in the first place to make a gigantic war effort, and secondly to bring about their own economic salvation. And Britons will sympathise with their American cousins that they, five years after fighting a successful war, have now to undergo once again the rigours of wartime restrictions and the many personal sacrifices these entail. But it may be of some consolation to the people of America that their allies in Western Europe are also confronted with the necessity for greater austerity, of concentration on defence needs in the common purpose of being ready to defend democratic freedom against the fanatical hatred of international Communism. Nevertheless, in meeting the military threat of Communism by declaring a state of national emergency, Mr Truman emphasises that the democracies are always willing, through the United Nations, to help maintain the peace of the world by friendly co-operation and mutual understanding. The United Nations remains the one instrument by which international differences can be resolved in the appropriate manner, and only refusal on the part of Russia and her satellites to recognise the authority of UN can rob that organisation of its status.

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British Padre Conducts A Burial Service



The solemn scene as Father (Captain) Webb Jones of the Middlesex Regiment (left) conducts burial services in the midst of the ruins of Yangsangni during a lull in the fighting in Korea.

Atlantic Pact Powers Open Defence Meeting

Brussels, Dec. 17.

The Foreign and Defence Ministers of the 12 North Atlantic Treaty nations, meeting here tomorrow, will give final approval to an integrated European Command; the appointment of a Supreme Commander and the broad outline of German participation, quarters close to the defence organisation stated today.

General Dwight Eisenhower's appointment as the Supreme Commander was expected to be announced almost immediately after the decision.

Germany will contribute one-fifth of the integrated European Army, whose strength is unofficially estimated at from 55 to 58 divisions, the same sources said.

The Atlantic nations have agreed to a plan on the target of men, weapons and material they will each put into the defensive pool.

A North Atlantic Treaty organisation spokesman, commenting on reports that Germany's Chancellor, Dr Konrad Adenauer, or other German leaders would attend the Brussels talks, said: "There is no reason why the Germans should have been brought in at this stage."

"Our problem is to get the 12 European countries to reach a common agreement on the basis for German participation. It will now presumably be up to the High Commissioners to present this programme to the Bonn Government as a framework for German participation."

The spokesman described the latest Russian notes to Britain and France, protesting against German rearmament, as "normal tactics for the Russians to adopt to try to divide, frighten and paralyse any attempt to work out a defensive union for the West."

He said there has been a "deterioration in the German attitude during the past month."

SOVIET NOTE

London, Dec. 17.

The Soviet note alleging violations by Britain of the Anglo-Soviet Treaty was described by a Foreign Office spokesman today as a "patently tactical device" timed to coincide with the meeting of the North Atlantic Council of Ministers in Brussels tomorrow.

The text of the note, which was delivered on Friday night, has now been received in London.

The spokesman said it must be read against the background of the Soviet policy since the end of the war. That policy, he added, had been to build up a bloc of subservient States in Eastern Europe with the military aspect emphasised by the appointment of a Soviet Marshal to control the Polish Army and by the formation of the Beretschka in Eastern Germany.

He pointed out that the three Western Powers, protested to Moscow on May 23 against the formation of the East German force.—Reuter.

Warning Of Mine Crisis

Swansea, South Wales, Dec. 17.

Britain would have no miners in 27 years unless the present falling level of manpower in the pits was reversed, Mr Arthur Horner, General Secretary of the 600,000-strong National Union of Mineworkers, declared today.

Mr Horner said that the miners could not be blamed for the present supply shortages which have become such that Britain is now importing coal from the United States.

Declaring that recruitment for the coalfields was a responsibility for the country as a whole, he added: "For years we have been warning of a manpower crisis. The only remedy

Diplomatic Efforts To Save Scheme For A Korea Cease-Fire

New York, Dec. 17.

Diplomatic efforts to save the Korean truce proposals were proceeding at a high pitch—for a Sunday—today as General Wu Hsiu-chuan, the leader of the Peking delegation, prepared to fly back to his country within the next 48 hours.

Actually, General Wu's request to Mr Trygve Lie, the Secretary General of the United Nations, to make arrangements for his departure by air on Tuesday caused a number of United Nations diplomats to get together hurriedly to take stock of the position and see what could be done to obtain a postponement of General Wu's departure.

So far there has been no change in General Wu's plans to leave on Tuesday.

Hopes had not been given up, however, that the "interim report," which is to be submitted to the political Committee tomorrow by the three member cease-fire commission, might influence General Wu's mind.

General Wu has already distributed to the press the speech he had prepared for the Political Committee, but it was considered possible that if the body took up the Formosan question on Monday, General Wu might attend the meeting and even decide to stay on for a while.

There were no hard indications from any official source, however, that General Wu had plans to attend the meetings of the Committee.

Most newspapers today interpreted General Wu's statement at his press conference yesterday as a rejection of the cease-fire proposal.

"NO AUTHORITY"

It was pointed out in official circles connected with the cease-fire talks, however, that from the outset General Wu had said that he had no authority to carry on cease-fire talks and that therefore his statement need not necessarily mean a Peking rejection of the principle of a cease-fire.

What General Wu had attacked was in his own words, "the proposal of 'cease-fire first' in Korea, a proposal which met the approval of Mr Austin."

General Wu had put the words "cease-fire first" within quotes in his statement. Observers said that General Wu was clearly assailing the decision of the Asian group to split up its original composite resolution into two: cease-fire and discussion of the Far Eastern questions—to seek priority of discussion in the Political Committee only for the cease-fire and to shelve the political questions.

They saw in General Wu's action an attempt to force the hand of the United Nations not only to take up political questions at the same time as the

cease-fire, but also to raise the talks from a mere Lake Success-Flushing Meadow level to the plane of Lake Success-Washington-Peking.

This is how the argument ran:

The cease-fire proposal, as it now stands, was enthusiastically supported by 51 nations—the entire United Nations except the five Soviet countries and Nationalist China.

The vote was actually greater than the original support to the police action in Korea.

From the point of view of those countries that have always favoured simultaneous consideration of political and military compulsory negotiations with Peking direct might help a solution rather than retard it.

Hitherto, some of the members of the Cease-Fire Commission had firmly discounted any suggestions of their going to Peking.

In his speech yesterday, General Wu indicated the conditions on which peace in the Far East, including withdrawal of "volunteers" from Korea, was possible and in this he gave priority to Peking's United Nations membership and "major voice" in Asia.

This meant, according to competent observers, that if a cease-fire issue was taken up directly with Peking by the United Nations, as they would now have to do, the main political question raised by China would also have to be considered, if not decided simultaneously, as Communist China would not discuss any major problems except on a basis of equality.

REAL SNAG

The real snag, therefore, is whether the United States would agree and whether the necessary seven-member majority would be available in the Security Council to admit New China.

In the opinion of Sir Benegal Narsing Rau, the leading spirit behind the original truce idea, General Wu's speech need not give rise to the degree of pessimism that has generally been evinced.

He thinks that General Wu still has left the door open for discussion.

The meeting that Sir Benegal expects to have with General Wu before the Cease-Fire Commission reports back to the Political Committee tomorrow would further clarify the situation.

Unless General Wu is found of keeping General Wu in New York, the cease-fire talks will become transferred at once to Peking. It is known that all avenues of contacts with Peking are being explored, and the possibility of United Nations representatives going to Peking are said to be studied.

Meanwhile, one "thing" revealed about yesterday's press conference was that General Wu had specifically requested Mr Trygve Lie that the conference be arranged in the Security Council chamber. General Wu then sat in the Presidential chair, the seat presently occupied by Dr T. F. Tsiang, the President of the Security Council for December, and the seat General Wu wants assigned to the People's Republic of China. The General Wu was regarded as having given a broad hint that that seat was the key to the present troubles of the United Nations.—Reuter.

Peking's Retaliation

New York, Dec. 17.

Informed sources said the reported Chinese export ban probably would force the United States to spend more money to sustain the Japanese economy, heretofore partly dependent on trade with the Chinese mainland.

The chief Chinese shipments to the United States have been tung oil and hog bristles used for palaces and brushes and tin, tungsten and antimony.

Informed officials said the loss of tung oil and hog bristles shipments "undoubtedly" will affect the U.S. civilian industry because there are really no suitable substitutes. "We'd certainly like that stuff but it is not going to throw the American economy into a tailspin," one official remarked. He added that the U.S. has not been getting "great quantities" of tin, tungsten and antimony from Red China, and is "not dependent" on shipments from the Orient. There was no immediate indication of whether the United States would take any further steps in view of the Chinese Communist export ban.—United Press.

Schuman Plan Jeopardised

Paris, Dec. 17.

The six-nation conference on the Schuman coal and steel merger plan adjourned today until January 1. M. Jean Monnet, the head of the French delegation, announced.

A month ago hopes were held out by the French delegation that the pool treaty would be initiated at the beginning of December, and finally approved and signed by the six Foreign Ministers this month.

International events were believed in conference circles to have influenced the decision to postpone the meeting.

Anti-Chinese Scenes In United States

Washington, Dec. 17.

The Chinese (Nationalist) Embassy today issued a public statement deploring the alleged anti-Chinese demonstrations which it said have taken place in the United States since Red China invaded Korea.

The Embassy said the Chinese residents in the United States are strongly anti-Communist and should not be associated with "violent actions" of the Chinese Communists in China and Korea.

The statement said the Embassy had received reports that Chinese nationals in the United States have "been subjected to uncivil remarks and maltreated in other ways" and some of their shops have been stoned by American citizens who apparently sought to express their feelings in protest against the Chinese Communist aggression in Korea.

"Such manifestations, however natural and excusable, are unfortunate and regrettable because the Chinese residents in this hospitable country have been known as a whole to be law-abiding and anti-Communist and to cherish the American way of life. They strongly deplore the anti-American propaganda and demonstrations on the main streets of China officially sponsored by the Communist regime and the armed attacks by the Chinese Communist troops against the United States and other United Nations forces in Korea."—United Press.

Inflationary Impulse

London, Dec. 17.

Warnings about inflation danger and appeals for strict economy in public and private business came today from the powerful Federation of British Industries and the Association of British Chambers of Commerce.

The Federation (FBI) said that some raw material shortages amounted to "actual famine."

The basis of industry was being "undermined." Only sacrifices could make room for the growing defence expenditure in the national economy.

The Chambers of Commerce appealed to members to curb increases in personal income from earnings or investment because of the "strong inflationary impulse" coming from the rearmament programme.—Reuter.

Polish Protest To France

London, Dec. 17.

Poland has sent a note to France protesting against the dissolution of the Polish Football Union in France, Warsaw Radio said tonight.

The Radio said that, according to the note, the Polish sportsmen had been threatened with loss of work in the State mine to compel them to resign from the club.—Reuter.

Albania Repeat

London, Dec. 17.

The Albanian Foreign Office has sent to Mr Trygve Lie, Secretary-General of the United Nations, a protest against a new alleged infringement of Albanian air space and territory by Greece, Tirana, Radio said today.

The protest said that the Greeks were "littered by the Anglo-American masters."—Reuter.

FLOUR FOR TITO

Belgrade, Dec. 17.

The first American aid flour has arrived from Italy at the Yugoslav frontier station, Scutari, Tanjug reported tonight.

It is part of the 35,000 tons promised from American stocks there to help Yugoslavia, whose harvests were ruined by drought.—Reuter.

By Lee Falk and Phil Davis

Victim Re-Weds

London, Dec. 17.

Marie Raven, 23-year-old widow of Daniel Raven who "battered her father and mother to death in October, 1949, was married in a London hotel to a man whose name is being kept secret.

The ceremony was performed by a Jewish Rabbi, the Rev. Saul Anlas, who recited a special prayer for the future of the petite, auburn-haired girl.

Daniel Raven was executed last January for murder. After the trial, Mrs Raven said she was determined never to let her baby son hear of the tragedy which had befallen her.—Reuter.

BREAKDOWN OF EMPIRE PRESS TRANSMISSIONS

London, Dec. 17.

The Council of the Empire Press Union, which embraces a majority of the newspaper interests of the Commonwealth and Empire, has called for the setting up of relay stations to combat the increasing difficulties in news transmission to and from Commonwealth countries.

Discussing what was described as "the very serious collapse of Commonwealth telecommunications for press purposes" at its meeting last Tuesday, the Council has now issued a memorandum listing the various causes in apparent order of importance as:

1.—The peak of a sunspot cycle which is associated with the daily "fading-out" of long distance radio for varying purposes.

2.—The change-over to Post Office control of Electra House, the Commonwealth's London terminal, which was formerly operated by Cable and Wireless, Limited, as a commercial company.

It had seemed to many Commonwealth Press correspondents in London to be "more than a coincidence that the present disastrous breakdown follows the transfer to Post Office control, whereas their despatches had been passing speedily through ever since the close of the war."

For the past two months it has been increasingly difficult at times impossible to send news telegrams between Britain and the Commonwealth countries overseas, in either direction, whether by the normal British radio "beams" or by cable.

ONLY REMEDY

The breakdowns which have cut off more especially Australia and New Zealand for periods that have already reached 30 hours, may, so far as can be seen, continue to lengthen, the memorandum said.

Under such conditions news—always a swiftly perishable commodity—simply ceases to be news. Even during the war the position was not worse than it is at present.

"The breakdown is particularly menacing at this time of severe international tension," the memorandum declared.

"The only known remedy for radio is the establishment of intermediate relay stations—a long and costly process, providing vulnerability in time of war."

"Nevertheless, such relay stations would seem to be urgently needed. Coupled with that, new cables are called for. Here again, while the cost would be heavy, the need is great. The shattered Commonwealth needs a first-class nervous system."

The memorandum added that while these remedies would be decisive they would take years to apply. It ended with a query: "In the meantime, what can be done to start inter-Commonwealth news and information flowing freely again?" it asked.—Reuter.

Togliatti's Trip

Rome, Dec. 17.

The Italian Communist leader, Palmiro Togliatti, left by train for Moscow today for a "junk" rest. The 57-year-old Togliatti was accompanied by his physician, Dr Mario Spallini, his 10-year-old adopted daughter and the attractive woman Communist deputy, Leonila Jotti.—United Press.

Mysore Grows Flax

Mysore, Dec. 17.

Flax is to be grown for the first time on a commercial scale in the South Indian industrial State of Mysore.

Mysore is the leading silk-producing state in India.—Reuter.

By Lee Falk and Phil Davis

Jet Shot Down

Tokyo, Dec. 17.

A flight of four American jet fighters engaged four Russian-built MIG-15 jets across the northwest Korean border on Sunday and in the burst of fire one MIG was shot down in flames over Shinju. It was confirmed that the kill was credited to Lieut. Colonel Bruce Hinton.—United Press.

Cable And Wireless Strike Off

London, Dec. 17.

A threatened go slow strike by Cable and Wireless operators for tomorrow has been called off.—Reuter.



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London, Dec. 17. Group Captain Claude Henry Turner, one of three Britons charged in Warsaw with attempting to smuggle a Polish girl, Miss Barbara Bobrowska, out of the country, has asked the court to "accept" his confession and release him. Warsaw Radio reported tonight that the trial has been going on for the past week. Group Captain Turner, a former Air Attache at the British Embassy in Warsaw, pleaded guilty. He told the Warsaw court last Tuesday, according to a press despatch received in London, that he hoped the girl had discussed the possibility of his divorcing his wife. The Radio said that Group Captain Turner had begged the court to take this step "so that I can support my wife and child and my mother."

Warsaw Radio had earlier reported that he had admitted at his trial that before going to Poland he received detailed instructions on spy work. He was tonight reported to have told the court, "I have clearly seen my own country being led to war by a small group whom it was my duty to help by my intelligence activities during my presence in Poland."

This group was leading the British into the arms of the United States who were driving against the people's will. Turner was reported to have said. He would now "make every effort to atone for past errors and to work in the future for peace," he was said to have added. —Reuter.



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Britain Dissatisfied Over Unequal Atomic Energy Partnership

London, Dec. 17. Great Britain smarted today under the loss of the wartime equal partnership she had with the United States on the atom bomb—including the veto over its use.

This development has been toned down for a couple of days and Prime Minister Attlee, since returning from Washington, has made efforts to avoid disclosing the loss. But it is there, and it irritates British officials who know all the details, as well as some of the British public.

Britain's unequal partnership in atomic energy, and the many and deep Anglo-American differences over China, make another early meeting between Mr. Attlee and President Truman almost certain. The Chinese issue is probably the most dangerous at the moment because it carries with it the threat of an Anglo-American split.

The Foreign Affairs debate in Parliament disclosed that at almost every step the United States and Britain have disagreed over Chinese policy and continue to disagree. Britain holds fast to her belief that it was right and is still right to recognize Communist China. The United States thinks recognition of the Peking regime is wrong. Britain wants the United Nations to admit the United States is violently opposed. Britain thought it was a mistake for Mr. Truman to link Formosa with Korea; the U.S. still thinks it was right.

Britain wanted to halt Korean action south of the Manchurian border and create a no-man's-land; the U.S. Chiefs of Staff rejected that proposal. Britain wants the U.S. to promise that in any negotiations on the future of Formosa, the Chinese Communists will have a voice; the U.S. is cool to that idea. Britain would be willing to go much further in making negotiations attractive to the Chinese, but the U.S. insists on a ceasefire before talking.

ATTLEE'S AGREEMENT

Mr. Attlee came back from Washington with some kind of gentleman's agreement with Mr. Truman regarding its use. But the understanding was so secret that he could not even tell it to the House of Commons.

During the war, it was understood, Mr. Truman and Winston Churchill had a full partnership agreement on atomic energy. This included a veto for both Britain and Canada over the use of the bomb once it was developed, since the bomb could not have been made when it was without British and Canadian help.

But that was before the post-war McMahon Act in the United States, which makes the President of the U.S. the sole custodian of atomic weapons.

IMPETUOUS TRUMAN

The loss of that full partnership—and especially the British veto over the use of the bomb—is what worries the British almost as much as anything. They have come to consider Mr. Truman an impetuous sort of

MOUNT ETNA FIREWORKS CONTINUING

Catania, Dec. 17. Three thousand peasants, evacuated from villages on the slopes of Mount Etna, tonight began to lose hope of returning home for Christmas as the volcano exploded in a new violence after nearly a week of relative calm.

Thousands of tons of lava were running down the northern eastern side of the mountain on the bed formed by the hardened lava, slung out earlier by the volcano in its 22-day eruption.

One tongue threatened tonight to cut the road linking the two villages of Milo and Rinazzo, which were evacuated two weeks ago. But the local authorities said that there was for the moment no danger to the two hamlets.

The volcano, the biggest in Europe, hurled vast masses of lava down its slopes during the first two weeks of its eruption, threatening the two villages.

After engulfing 15 outlying cottages the eruption changed in nature, continuing to fling flaming ashes and steam into the air but producing little lava.

Experts of the Etna Volcanological Institute said it was impossible to judge whether this was "a last fling" or whether the flow would overrun the line where the old lava stopped—only a few hundred yards from Milo and Rinazzo. —Reuter.



Foreign Legion infantrymen advance across a flooded rice field in Cochinchina during the interminable war against the Communist-led rebel forces of the Vietminh.—AP Picture.

Republican Attacks On Dean Acheson May Stop

Washington, Dec. 17. With the Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, in Europe for a defence conference in time of "greater peril," signs arose in Congress that the Republican Party attacks on him might subside somewhat.

Strong Republican minorities in each House of the national legislature last week demanded Mr. Acheson's resignation, but President Truman countered with complete endorsement of the Secretary, and other officials said authoritatively that Mr. Acheson had no intention whatever of resigning.

Individual Republicans are expected to continue, in speeches and resolutions, to snipe at Mr. Acheson, but Party leadership indicated it had no plans to carry the attacks any further at present.

Impartial political experts said there were two reasons for this:

1. As the national danger increases, political parties will tend to concentrate more on "close ranks" in unity for common ideals.
2. The Republican assault upon Mr. Acheson was more of a symbol of popular resentment and frustration over the turn of events in East Asia than a personal attack upon the Secretary or a demand for any drastic change in national policy.

Much of the "failure" of Government dealings with China and Korea goes back to decisions made before Mr. Acheson took office, therefore the criticism of the opposition party really bore more on Mr. Truman than on Mr. Acheson, experts said.

Mr. Acheson, however, was regarded as the more vulnerable target, from the popular public standpoint. Now that the Party has registered its views officially, it will probably let the matter stand as far as action in Congress is concerned, veterans believe.

NO PARTY ACTION

Supporting evidence for this came from Senator Robert Taft, Chairman of the Republican Policy Committee in the Senate. Senator Taft said individual Republicans were likely to protest further about Mr. Acheson, but that the Party as such in Congress would probably take no further action. Some Party members talked of carrying the matter to the floor of each chamber, but there was no leadership approval for this. Votes demanding Mr. Acheson's resignation last week were taken only in Party caucuses and not in the legislative chambers. Senator Wayne Morse, another Republican, said some of his colleagues voted against their convictions or better judgment.

"One of the saddest things about the Republican conference was that several Senators expressed the view that the solution (against Mr. Acheson) should not be adopted in the interests of national unity and international affairs, yet finally yielded to partisan pressure and voted for it," he said.

NO WEAKENING

Impartial experts in Congress said they did so because in past weeks, before the international situation became so grave, they had become publicly identified with the anti-Acheson movement and felt they could not readily reverse themselves at this stage, especially as their

Imperative Need For Settling Anti-Bandit Campaign In Malaya

London, Dec. 17. The situation in South East Asia made it imperative that the campaign in Malaya against Communist banditry should not be allowed to drag on indefinitely, the Yorkshire Post (Conservative) declared yesterday.

Commenting on the recent fresh measures taken by the Malayan Government to tackle the menace of Communist banditry in Malaya, the Yorkshire Post, in a leading article entitled "Urgent problems in Malaya," welcomed the measures and observed that Britain had reason to be grateful for the loyalty of the Malays during these anxious times.

Setting that Britain would be wise to take measures to maintain the confidence of the Asian peoples in her ability and determination to defend them, the newspaper added: "She should also demonstrate that she has a sincere concern for their welfare."

"Even on grounds of narrow self-interest she cannot afford to neglect her pressing responsibilities in Malaya. For her own economic strength depends to a very large extent upon the country's contribution to the Empire's sources."

The Yorkshire Post analysed the measures to be taken and declared: "So long as the Central Executive of the Communist organisation exists, it will be a threat to peace and order in Malaya."

"It is urgently necessary to break up the Communist Command quickly before external dangers become greater. High rewards are necessary because, as experience has shown, there is the greatest difficulty in securing information about the bandits and their movements."

"The reason is that the Malayan population go in terror of their lives."

"In these circumstances it is a sound plan to give the Malayan peoples an increasing part in the fight by encouraging them to take action against the terrorists," the newspaper stated. —Reuter.

Wants Reply From Stalin

Karachi, Dec. 17. Mr. Harold Stassen said today that if Marshal Stalin wanted world peace he would reply to a letter addressed to him eight weeks ago.

Mr. Stassen was answering a question at a press conference in Karachi, which he is visiting at present on his study tour of Asia.

He said he had not yet received a reply from Stalin, but, "I believe if Marshal Stalin desires to move towards world peace, I will have an answer."

He said he still might receive an answer, "as the Kremlin moves slowly in these matters."

He said he was learning many things on his tour "which will help me in developing Republican policy and American policy for the future." He acknowledged the need of "immediate attention to Asia's problems of technical service and economic assistance." —United Press.

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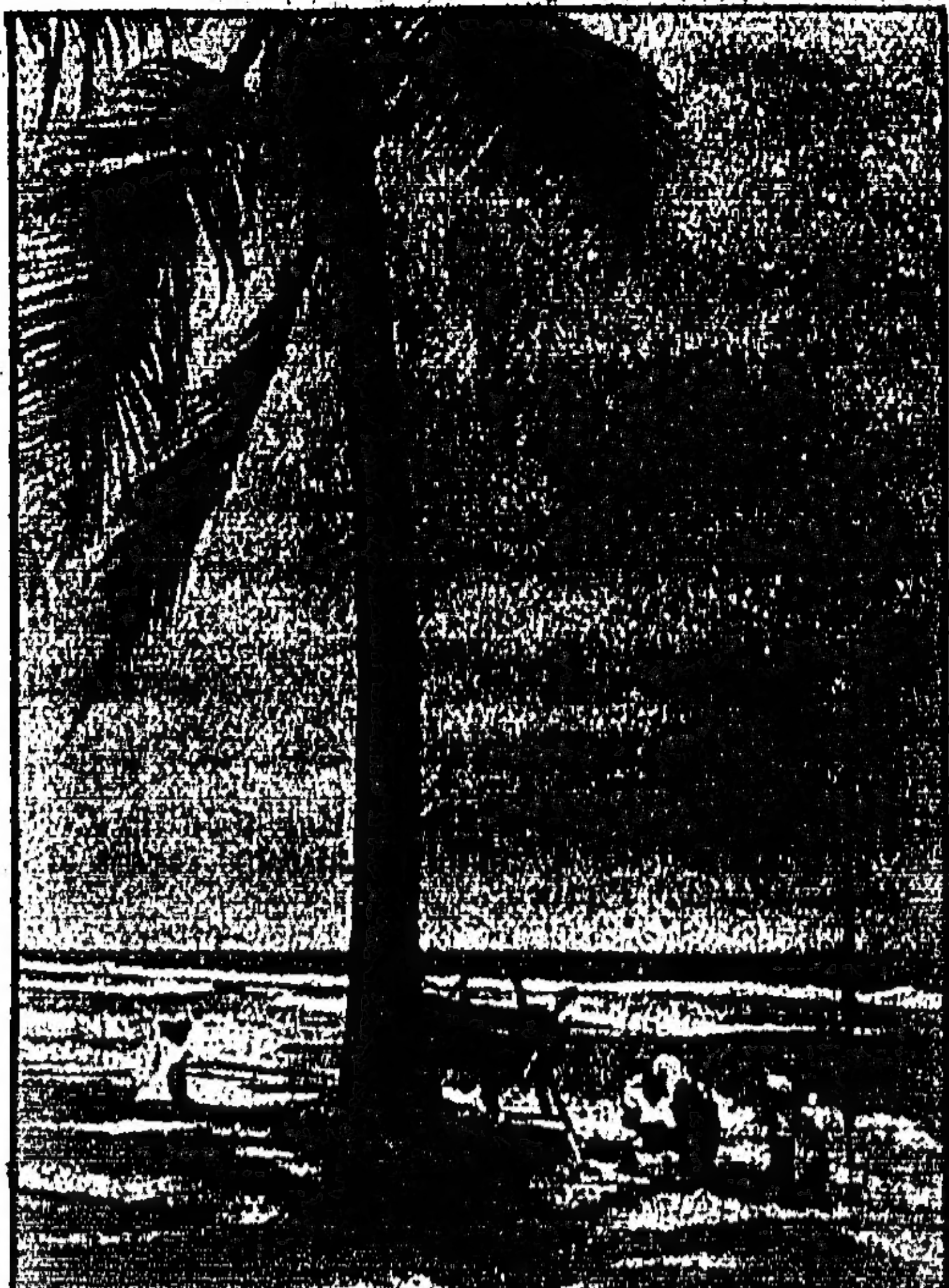
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CAPTAIN KELLY TAKES OFF ON THE COCONUT RUN

Breakfast in Hampshire, bed in Tripoli—but just another day's work for the BOAC pilot by ROBERT KINGSLEY



Journey's end: the West African coast. Here Capt. Kelly will relax, spend most of his time sun-bathing until time for the return flight.

THE day began for Captain John Arnold ("Jack") Kelly, at 7.30 in the morning, when he left his home in the New Forest near Ringwood.

The day ended, with a meal of bacon, eggs and coffee, then bed at midnight at del Mahari Hotel, Tripoli. For Captain Kelly, skipper of BOAC's flight BA/251/655, a long day but a routine one, a "lodging turn" with a vengeance.

After saying good-bye to his wife, Betty (ex-Waaf), and his children—Christopher James (5½); Jennifer Mary (4) and Jill Susanne (nearly 3) — and assuring them that yes he would bring back some coconuts from his ultimate destination on the Gold Coast, Kelly took off for London in his 17-year-old car, allowing 2½ hours for the journey.

In London, Kelly made first for Brentford, where, on the seventh floor of an airways building, the put in an hour on the Link trainer, going through the drill of "simulated let-

downs" and the rest. For although Captain Kelly has 5000 hours' flying and nearly 1000,000 miles to his name (he came into civil aviation in 1944 after winning the DFC as a Pathfinder) he is still expected to have regular Link sessions.

Next, to the airport, where he was due to report three hours before take-off time.

In between the chores he had to do there—the briefing, flight-planning, weather studying—it was possible to talk to him.

He is a tall (6ft. 3½ in.), genial, fair-haired 31-year-old Hampshire man, a non-smoker, not a great drinker. If drinking had been one of his hobbies (as caravanning, photography are) he would have had to cut it out from the day before his flight.

Kelly thinks that most aircrew wives wish their husbands had jobs that kept them nearer home—for one thing catering is most difficult, and important dates like children's birthdays have usually to be celebrated on taken days. On the other hand, Kelly thinks the constant goings and comings in aircrew homes keep marriages fresh and make for thoroughly happy ones.

Kelly was to "slip" the service in Tripoli, spend one day there, and take on the next to



Capt. Kelly with his crew. They board the aircraft 15 minutes before passengers are due. The Hermes carries two stewards, one stewardess. They serve a five-course meal on flight. Before the take-off they must check 2000 catering items.

Kano, Lagos and Accra. There he would have a couple of days which he would spend mostly on the beach, and he was due to be back at Ringwood after eight nights away and 8,000 miles of flying.

There would be one more trip—to Accra again, or Nkroful or Johannesburg, before Christmas. He might be back in time, he might not.



In the Briefing Room, Mr F. G. Duff, of the Ministry of Civil Aviation, gives Kelly latest information on flight conditions.



Capt. Kelly will be at the controls for the first "leg" of the journey. Poor weather is reported ahead, but should clear over Central France. On average, Kelly gets about six days at home between trips.

A British Crossword Puzzle

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- ACROSS
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 7. Appendage.
 9. Slip.
 10. Fascination.
 11. Dissolute persons.
 13. Recalls.
 15. Sinister.
 16. Sordid.
 19. Occupation.
 22. Narrow opening.
 24. Keen.
 25. Soothe.
 26. Column.
 27. Substitute.
- DOWN
2. Jelly.
 3. Reside.
 4. Ordain.
 5. Alarm.
 6. Flaccid.
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Father Christmas Next Door

Folk in Madison Avenue, Cheshire, believe in Father Christmas. They ought to know, for they live quite close to him. He is Stanley Christmas, 58-year-old lecturer, and he and his family are very friendly with the neighbours.

The barrack-room buddy of their son, John, however, once found friendship with Christmas somewhat embarrassing. One day an officer saw John's friend standing about when a lecture was due to take place.

"You will be late if you don't hurry," remarked the officer. "What are you standing about for?" The soldier truthfully replied: "Waiting for Christmas."

He was promptly put on a charge for insolence by his furious superior, and it was not until the unfortunate soldier produced John Christmas that he was able successfully to prove his innocence.

When John's parents were first married they went to live next door to a three-year-old boy who was thrilled to bits having Father Christmas right next door. Despite the unseasonal period of the year he had a note sent down Christmas's chimney. Mr. Christmas played ball, answered the letter and sent a present.

Disillusionment came soon after, for the lad was introduced to Father Christmas—no red clothes, no white beard. But Stanley Christmas has remembered the boy every Christmas since.



Time: 7.30 a.m. Captain Kelly's wife and daughters (Jennifer 4 and Jill 2½) wave good-bye at his home in the New Forest. He has promised to bring home some coconuts from the Gold Coast.

Santa In A Hover Plane

Santa Claus will arrive in Ashford, Kent, in a hover plane, which will land on North Modern School playing field.

On a giant sleigh he will tour the town collecting toys from children at street corners before visiting the huge tree in Ashford's main street.

Thousands of fairy lights on the tree will be switched on, and a choir of more than 1,500 will sing carols.

Aim of Ashford Children's Day Committee is to give the reconditioned toys to needy children.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"It's nice to have a maid—now I can go shopping, see a picture or run in and tell the doctor my symptoms any afternoon!"

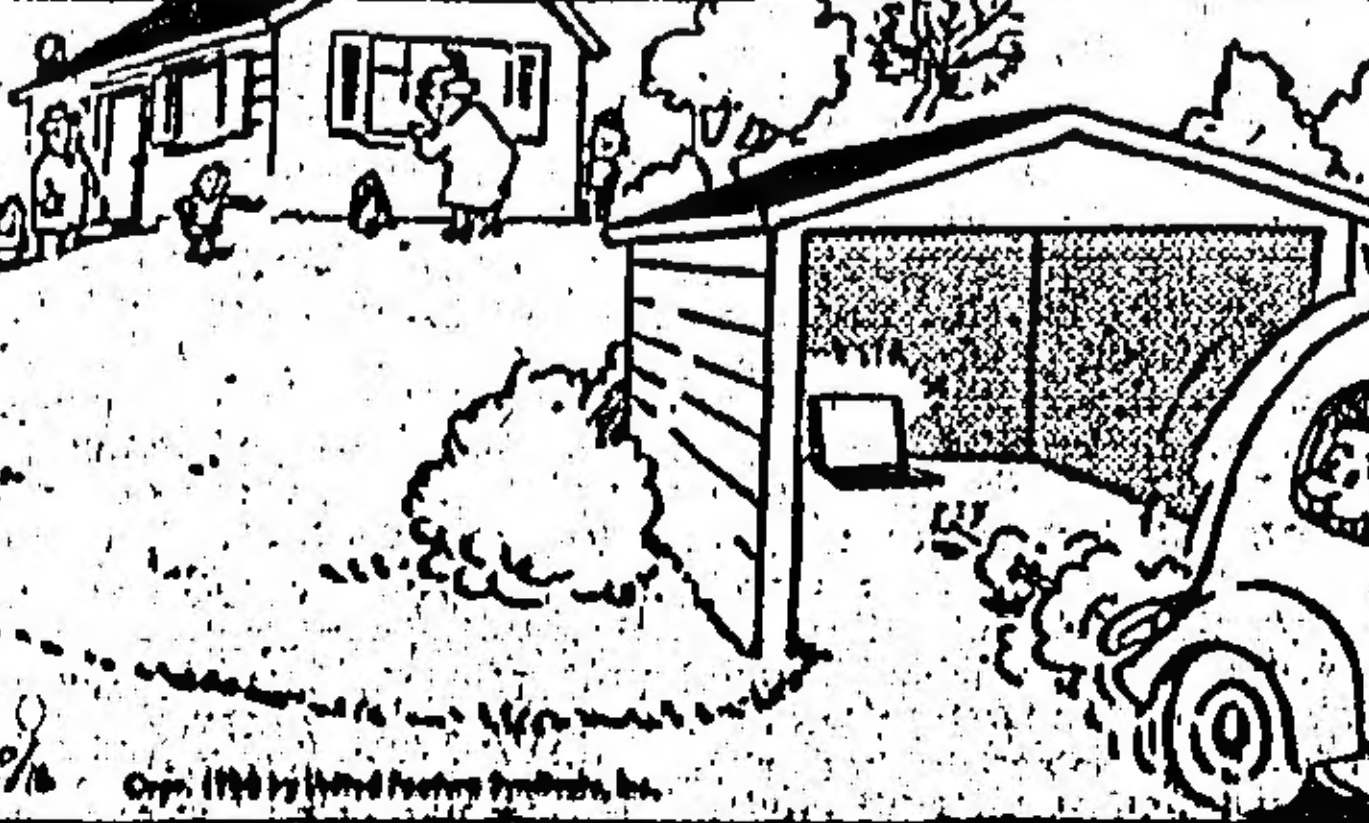
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Tunnel of Loathe



By Milk



Choice Of Nail Polish

By HELEN FOLLETT

WE'VE heard a lot about the personality hairdo, make-up suitable to the individual, and the high moguls of the beauty industry have offered many intriguing innovations for which the members of the universal sorority should be grateful. Now they say that there is no reason why every set of finger nails should carry the same colour of polish, and new exciting things are appearing in cosmetic bazaars. Time was when blood red polish flourished, and the members of the sex did a lot of growling about it. Said it looked murderous. Then the wine shades came in. Instead of a few tints to choose from you now have twenty or more.

Colour That Harmonise

The time has come when the well-dressed lady will have a variety of colours among her talon veneers. She will select a colour that harmonises with the frock she wears. With the dress of dark rich velvet she may go back to the vermillion or cherry of the past. With the formal of delicate pastel colour she will wear a delicate coral or wild rose. Makes sense, doesn't it?

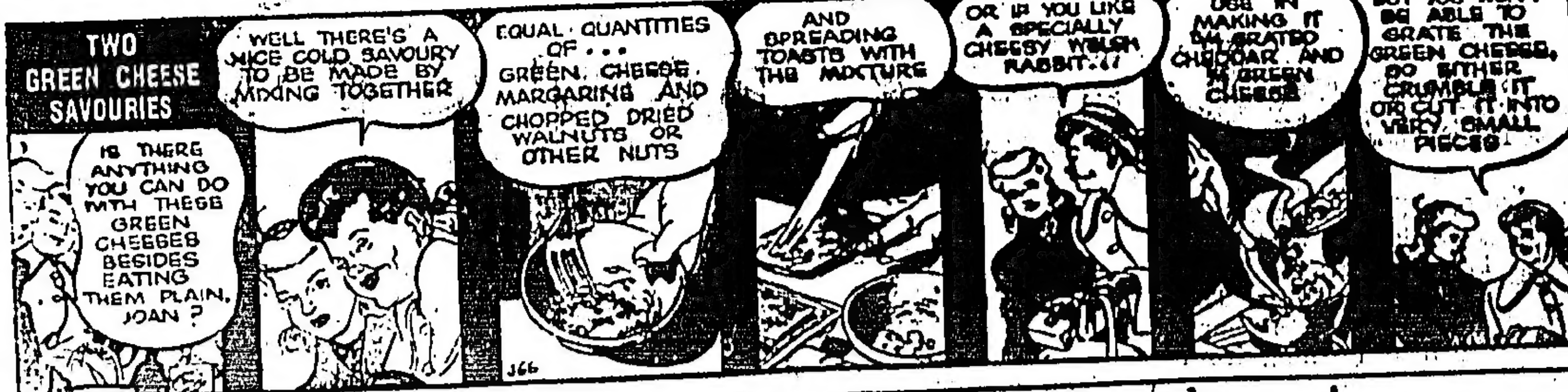
Every candidate for good appearance must remember that polish does not cover evidence of neglect. Cuticle must be kept soft in good condition, so it will not adhere to the nail, cause hangnails to flourish. To avoid these pests, lift the flesh with the orange wood stick. Be gentle. Pressure will cause trouble.

Nails Look Old

Finger nails can look old, the same as neglected complexions and hands that are subjected to heavy work, come in contact with grime. To retain the delicate fabric of the nail, to keep ridges from forming and brittleness from bothering one, massage your pretty claws with a special cuticle cream every night of your life. Only takes a minute.

Use the best, blandest soap you can buy. Harsh soaps mean that your fingers will not look like lotus blooms as the poet described them.

Polish—even if it's colourless—makes your hands look prettier, says Movie Star Nancy Gates. And if you like a colour, there are many from which to choose.



A Christmas Food Tradition

ONE of the most enjoyable and practical Christmas food traditions is making a loaf cake—so rich and good—it will keep moist for days, ready to slice when visitors come.

Cake Making

But before you make it, let's chat about cake making—not with a quick mix—but in the time-honoured way that alone

can achieve these rich loaves. First read the cake recipe all through, so you'll know what you are going to do. Next assemble the ingredients, so both shortening and eggs will be near room temperature. Prepare the pans by oiling lightly with unsalted fat, such as shortening or lard, then sprinkle with a little flour. Tip and turn the pan so both sides and bottom are lightly coated, then turn it up-

side down and tap to shake out the excess flour. If the cake is to bake more than an hour, line the bottom smoothly with white paper or shelf paper, and oil this also. Then assemble the utensils. Use a sauce pan for the mixing. It's easier to cream shortening and beat butter when there's a handle to hold onto. Then heat the oven to the right temperature, 350-375 F., which is a moderate oven, for rich "butter type" cakes.

The Beats

Next sit down, and measure the ingredients, sift together the flour, salt and baking powder. Mix the cake comfortably without interruption. As to beating the batter—the number of "beats" depends on the kind of cake being made. In any case they should be long sweeping strokes around the sides of the mixing utensil. If the cake is to be light and fluffy, and the beaten egg whites folded in last, all beating must be done before they are added. If it's to be a rich close-textured cake, it should be beaten until the batter is smooth. Spoon it into the pan, making it a little higher at the edges than in the centre.

Baking the Cake

Then to bake. The time of baking is divided into 3 periods of equal length. During the first, the batter rises; in the second, a crust forms and begins to brown; during the last, the cake browns and roasts through to the centre. After baking, let it stand 5 minutes to cool, then turn it out on a cake rack, (or use a rack from the refrigerator) so air can circulate around it while cooling.

Remember, more cakes are spoiled by using too much, rather than too little heat. Large cakes need a slower oven heat than small ones. If your oven is not equipped with a heat control, and you don't own an oven thermometer, spread a teaspoon of flour on a pan, and put it in the oven when you think it's at the "moderate oven" stage. The flour will turn light brown in 3½ minutes.

Decorating Loaf Cakes

If a loaf of rich cake is to be kept several days for slicing, better leave off the icing and decorate the top with nuts, raisins or glaze fruit or both. This calls for a clear glaze applied after the cake is baked and cooled. It forms a foundation on which the decorations are placed and literally "stuck" in place.

Clear Glaze: Stir together 1 c. granulated sugar, ¼ c. water and 1/3 c. white or light corn syrup. Heat slowly until the sugar dissolves. Boil until ½ teaspoon forms a firm ball when dropped in cold water. Spread a thin layer on the cake and put the decoration in place at once.

Chicago Women Like These Lipstick Colours

Clear reds and blue-reds continue to be favourite lipstick colour choices among the women with good interest shown in orals and plinks, according to reports from Chicago department stores and specialty shops. Most buyers believe reason for the continued interest in clear red and blue red shades is due directly to the fact that these most readily flatter every woman's skin tone, and with little exception go well with most of her basic wardrobe colours. The new brownish reds are chosen only by very fashion-conscious women, and most buyers do not believe this status will see any change during the remainder of the autumn period.

Creams and lotions are beginning to enjoy their usual cold weather popularity.

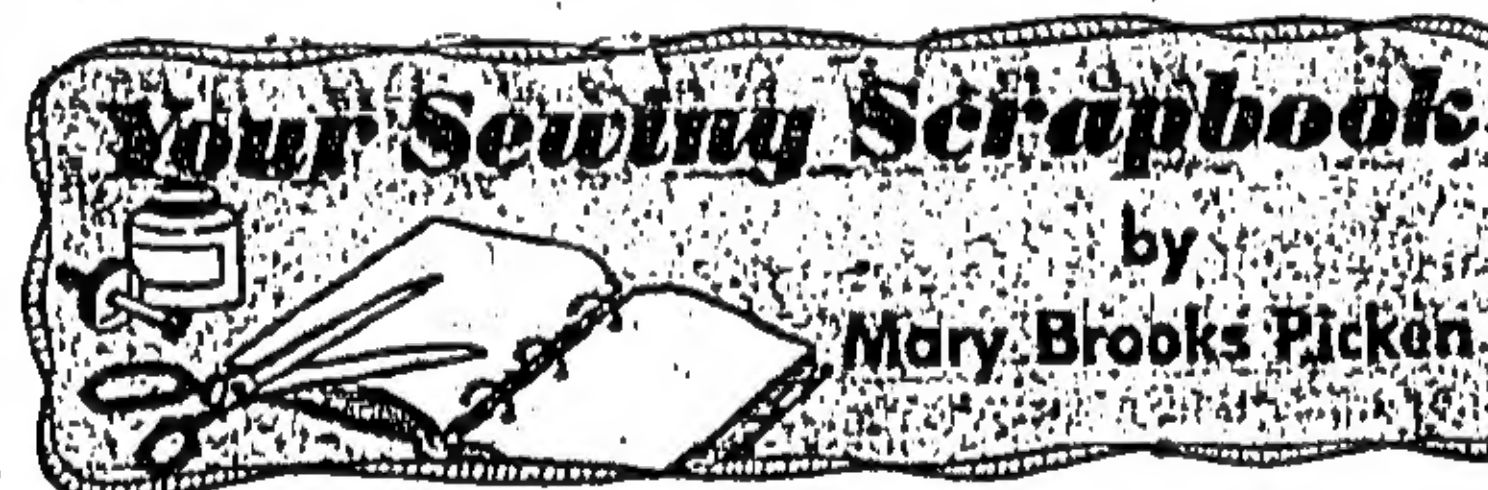
Purple is beginning to make an appearance in both the glove and handbag New York market, aiming to replace orange as the season's accent. A colour that lends itself well to rich textured materials, it does not appear to have the same popularity as the other autumn shades.

Christmas Gift Suggestion



By ALICE AIDEN

A WATCH is always a good thought when making out a gift list. This model is for wear with dressy clothes. It is a very thin, wrist watch, with dainty hands, of fourteen karat gold, softened by pretty filigree work. A black suede strap contributes to its elegance.

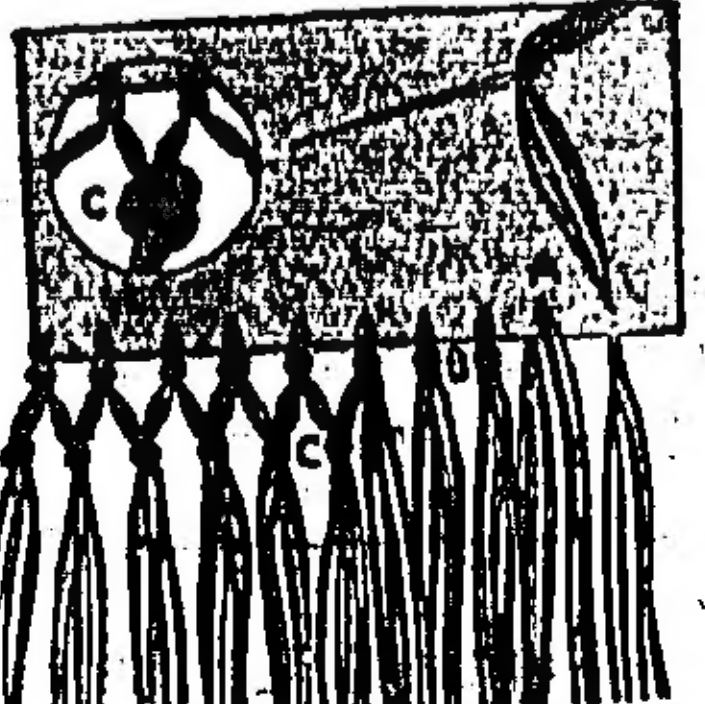


Versatile Stoles in Fashion's Spotlight—To Extend Your Wardrobe

FROM Paris, from London, from Madrid, from our own great shops come beautiful stoles—many in brilliant colours to wear over dark dresses or suits. If some smart woman boast a dozen stoles each, surely we conservatives can have one beautiful one.

Drapes Gracefully

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BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

Pixie O'Scowl Had a Problem

—He Was Trying to Clean the Brook—

By MAX TRELL

PIXIE O'Scowl was shouting at the top of his voice: "Move on! Get going! How can I clean this place if you keep staying there? Move on!" Knarf and Handl, the Shadows with the turned-about names, were at the edge of the Pine Tree Grove when they heard Pixie O'Scowl's voice. At first they thought perhaps he meant them. But the next instant they realised that Pixie O'Scowl wasn't anywhere near them. His voice came from the other side of the pine trees, down near the brook. They hastened to it with all speed.



"Move on," Pixie O'Scowl said.

On reaching the brook they could see no one. The place was thickly grown with tall weeds and high green stalks, not to mention the great old trees with their branches meeting overhead as though they were all clasping hands. Moreover, it was rather darkish. Then they heard Pixie O'Scowl's voice again, sounding more indignant and impatient than before. "Move, I say! Move away!"

Pushed the Stalks

Then Knarf and Handl pushed some of the stalks aside—a thick clump of them growing right at the fringe of the brook, half in the water and half out—and there they discovered Pixie O'Scowl. He was standing on a bit of soggy moss, wearing rubber boots that came up to his hips, and leaning on a sort of rake with a stout wooden handle. He was glaring down into the water of the brook. When he heard the stalks rustling and saw them pushed aside and then noticed Knarf and Handl kneeling down over him, he glared at them.

"Go away!" he said. Knarf and Handl decided to pay no attention to this. They knew, from knowing Pixie O'Scowl, that he didn't always mean to be as rude as he sounded. In fact, he never meant to be rude at all. He was just a scowly, pixie, and everything he said came out as a grunt or a grumble.

Handl smiled sweetly. "We heard you from the other side of the Pine Tree Grove," he said. "You were saying 'Move on' to someone."

"That I want!" agreed Pixie O'Scowl. He turned back to glare into the water of the brook. "Move on! How can I clean this brook if you don't push away!" he grunted in sudden exasperation. "They aren't paying the slightest bit of attention!"

"Who isn't?" asked Knarf, also glaring into the brook but

seeing nothing. "Whom are you talking to?"

"To those tadpoles! There—can't you see them—all lying together at the bottom of the brook?"

"This time Knarf, and Handl as well, both saw for the first time the tadpoles (there must have been ten or twelve of them altogether) lying in a sort of bunch on the mud and rocks at the bottom of the brook. They didn't move at all. At least, they didn't move all over. Their long tails seemed to wiggle a little with the current. But their fat heads and tummies remained perfectly still.

Bottom of Brook

"I'm trying to clean the bottom of the brook," said Pixie O'Scowl in a sad, hurt voice to Knarf and Handl. "That's all I'm trying to do—just clean the bottom of the brook. I want to move the stones and rocks. I want to get the mud out of the cracks. I want to make the brook clean and neat. And for whom am I doing all this? For myself? Oh no!"

He glared around at the tadpoles again. "I want to do it for them! I don't live in a brook! I don't have to have it clean! I don't care if there's mud and slimy stones at the bottom! It means nothing to me!"

"Why don't you give them a little poke?" Handl said. "It don't mean a hard poke. Just a little bit of a poke!"

"Sure," said Knarf. "That'll make them move."

Pixie O'Scowl frowned for an instant, then his face brightened. "You know," he said, and his voice really sounded cheerful, "I never even thought of that! A poke—a little bit of a poke—just the thing, of course!" And he turned the handle of the rake around and gave the tadpoles a little poke. They all scampered off. "And now," he said, "I can do my cleaning!" And he did!

Rupert's Autumn Primrose—3



Rupert picks up the thing he has seen in the grass. "What's it?" he asks. "It's a money tin!" "Money?" cries Rupert. "Now we can go back to the Fair and ride on all the roundabouts!" "Look, there are some people who passed near here," he says, pointing. "Let's see if they put



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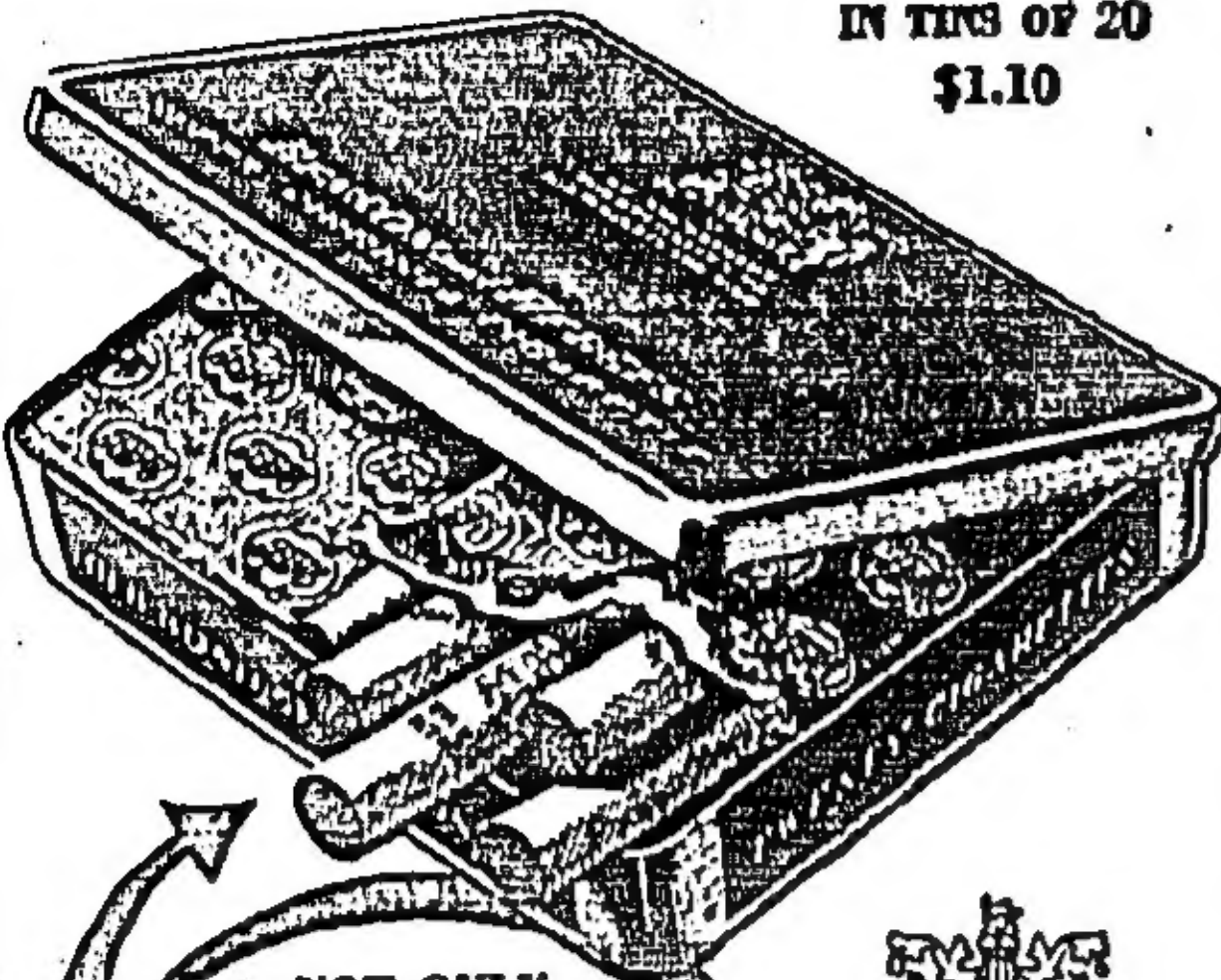
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Why not try making PEACE?

by
JOHN GORDON

IT is little use lamenting the mistakes that have brought grave crisis upon us in Korea. The urgent business is to shape the future by learning from them.

Nor is it wise to let the crisis inflame the war temperature. At all moments of such gravity as this the inclination is to regard war as inevitable and the preservation of peace as an airy dream.

But war is never inevitable. It is made by the mistakes of men. It can be avoided by the wisdom of men.

Therefore it should be the fixed and unalterable policy of Britain to make peace instead of threatening war.

Such a policy does not mean any lessening of the military and political ties that bind us so closely to the United States.

PARTNERS

For it is upon those ties that the preservation of the freedoms of men and the future of civilisation depend. Nothing must impair them. Never must they be broken.

But alliance means partnership. And partnership involves that policy is shaped and settled by joint discussion, and action similarly agreed upon before it is taken.

It may be that we cannot make the same contribution to the partnership in industrial strength and manpower as the United States. But we can make a great contribution in poli-

tical wisdom, for we are an old, wise, and experienced people in international relationships.

We should apply that wisdom now to the preservation of peace. Peace is the prayer of all mankind, including the common people of Russia and the peasant millions of China. No price is too high to pay for peace—except only slavery.

How can we apply our wisdom to the shaping of peace? First we should reverse the decision that sent our troops too far across the 38th Parallel.

It was obvious at the time that movement was made that we should be cautious lest by coming too close to China's frontier we excited her into violent reaction.

Time has swiftly proved the unwisdom of that move. We should now press strongly for the establishment of a line on which we might soothe China's fears.

ATOM TALK

We should press also with all force and ardour for the cessation of loose and threatening talk about the atom bomb.

It is profound comfort to us to have it among our weapons. But it is not a weapon to be used without deep thought—if indeed at all.

The decision whether to use it or not obviously cannot be left to any one individual or nation. It must be the freely and solemnly agreed decision of the partnership.

It was wise and good that Mr. Attlee went to Washington. No doubt he would have made these points clear. And in doing so he has the united support of his countrymen.

But both points, vital as they are at this moment, are war policies. What we need is a positive preservation of peace policy.

Here surely is the opportunity for Britain to grasp the leadership of the rocking world.

Our opportunity lies in the obvious fact that the animosities of Russia and China are directed more upon the United States than upon us.

We already have a closer link with Peking than the U.S. has. It is also evident that India is a link of vital value with the Chinese delegation at Lake Success.

We must keep these links from snapping and forge others as rapidly as we can.

There has been too much dither and delay over the opening of talks between the leaders of Russia and the leaders of the Western Powers.

IN EUROPE

Some day such talks must be initiated. The peace of the world depends upon them. They will prove difficult, they may even prove futile—at first. But they are urgently necessary.

Only in talks can we build a bridge. In sullen, angry isolation we never can. So let it be British policy to press for such talks with urgency.

The decision of world war or world peace will not be made in Korea. For it does not rest with the Supreme Lord of China, but with Russia.

It is in Europe that the major issue will be settled eventually. And so far, fortunately, Russia, nervous and fearful of us as she is, shows no positive sign of putting her fate to the final test.

What more therefore can we do to avert the criminal folly of war? First build with all speed

the strength that will lift from us the fear of being caught unprepared to meet attack.

If there is one ray of comfort in the Korea crisis it is that it will drive us to greater strength with more speed than we had planned.

Now if we in Britain set ourselves to do it, we can raise our strength to the highest degree of all nations of the world.

How? By the creation of an armed and unified British Empire, one quarter of the world in size, and so spread across the globe that it could be the most powerful deterrent to any aggressor and the greatest single force for peace in all the world.

Why not pledge ourselves to that task?

SPREAD IT

Given the security that comes from strength, what is the next stage in a positive policy for peace? The spread of truth, knowledge, tolerance, and plenty.

By the spread of truth we can explode the fallacies of the Communist peace campaign aimed only at weakening the capacities of free men to defend their freedom.

By the spread of knowledge across every iron-curtained frontier with all the devices of propaganda open to us, we could in a generation or much less destroy ignorance, suspicion, and fear of us.

By preaching and actively practising tolerance, we could bring all iron-curtained peoples and their fear-ridden leaders to understand that we believe there is room in the world for two widely differing ways of life to carry on side by side.

And by raising the standards of life of all peoples of all creeds and colours, we would, in bringing plenty, do more to establish that contentment by which alone Communism can be checked and defeated, than by all the wars we could ever fight.

In war we make the most tremendous efforts to achieve victory. Is it not wise to make an equally tremendous effort for peace?

For what glory can war offer that matches the glory of peace?

—(London Express Service)

PARIS

A Column of Capital News... by R. M. MacCOLL

PILGRIMAGE TO A BEDROOM

A LITTLE group of men and women peered respectfully into a first-floor bedroom at the modest Hotel d'Alsace, on Paris's Left Bank. In that room, at 1.15 p.m. on November 30, 1900, the darting brain of Oscar Wilde slid away into the mists of death.

We were shown his candlestick, now used to illumine the visitors' book, a great black marble clock, topped by a golden lion, which stood in his room.

We were reminded—the group included such famous Frenchmen as actor Sacha Guitry and writer Andre Maurois — of Wilde's final wisecrack. Rousing himself from torpor he spotted two doctors at his bedside. "Ah," he murmured, "I am dying as I lived, above my means."

Earlier he had written to his standard friend Robert Ross that he was doing his best to economise, "for this hotel has not even got drains."

Nowadays there is running water in the bedrooms, as well as the attractive black marble hallway and high rotunda that Wilde knew.

Outside, in the courtyard in which his window gives, there

is still the garden seat where he sat reading, and above it, the ash tree leaning to one side. Wilde described it as "the tree that is searching for expression."

One of the visitors for this anniversary commemoration was Mrs. Marjorie Ross, widow of a nephew of Robert Ross. Ross, who died in 1918, expressed a desire in his will for his ashes to be placed in Wilde's tomb.

So Mrs. Ross, a twinkling-eyed, grey-haired woman, brought them with her from England and made a lonely pilgrimage to Pere Lachaise Cemetery.

At first, the key to the tomb, which the Ross family has held for decades, refused to turn in the lock. A cemetery attendant picked up an empty iron flower vase from a neighbouring grave and gave the key a whack. The tomb opened and the ashes were placed inside.

Then, with Gallic gallantry, the cemetery authorities waived the £7 fee which is normally asked for opening a tomb.

PARIS—Homes

IN some ways I have often envied the British diplomat "peaks." That duty-free liquor—for example—very useful for entertaining.

But it seems that the path of the 1930 diplomat is not entirely snag-free. The British Em-

bassy men in Paris are given to understand that they must not look for a home in the suburbs. They must find a flat inside the city limits, where rents are ruinous.

Reason is twofold: First, that if you live in the suburbs, it may well prove embarrassing to French guests who do not possess a car if you invite them to dinner. Second, if you live too far out, you are apt to lose your enthusiasm for embassy evening "do's" which you are supposed to attend.

In a house-furnished world Paris must be one of the worst spots of all. Because of complicated rent laws there has been little new building here since the first war. Key money and premium rack-rent reach stratospheric levels.

Latest example was when a friend of mine was asked to give £450 as a "special payment" for a modest flat in a not-attractively neighbourhood. The landlord, when asked what he expected to suffer severe headaches as a result of giving up the flat.

PARIS—Greenhorn

I AWARD this week's prize for the lease-expert remark to a man who, knowing nothing of boxing, decided to invite the

dramatic fight between Sugar Ray Robinson and the luckless Jean Stock. The fight had just been stopped in the second round as the towel came in. Stock lay writhing on the canvas, the referee was raising Sugar's arm. Twenty people had invaded the ring to congratulate or commiserate. The crowd was in uproar.

My friend leaned across to me and said, solemnly: "I don't see how Stock can avoid a knock-out in the next round."

PARIS—Favourite

DOWN in the brandy country they smile broadly at the mention of Britain. Sorrowful frowns and shrugs greet a reference to Russia.

This has no political significance. It merely represents a business trend. Britain, according to statistics just released, easily heads the nations of the world in brandy-buying. Last year she took 404,008 gallons.

What of Russia? Just one and a half gallons for the entire 1949-50 season.

Said a spokesman for the cognac trade, his lip curling: "It seems our Muscovite friends still prefer their vodka."

—(London Express Service)

WHAT'S GOING ON

by EPHRAIM HARDCASTLE

WHEN the President of France and Madame Auriol took King Frederick and Queen Ingrid of Denmark to the Paris Opera on-lookers noticed that the King had an electric torch sticking out of his pocket, the President a handsome ivory elephant hanging at his hip.

King Frederick, who sometimes conducts the Copenhagen Symphony Orchestra, used the torch to illuminate the full operatic score, which he balanced on his knee. The elephant was part of the insignia of the Order of the Elephant, Denmark's highest honour, presented to M. Auriol when the King arrived in France.

The blue silk sash, the diamond badge and ivory model are said to be worth £2,000. Said M. Auriol: "It is the most beautiful decoration I have ever known."

'My dear Winston'

ON Mr Winston Churchill's 75th birthday was published, in his war memoirs, a letter written to him by The King on February 22, 1943.

It is unusual for a letter signed by the King to be made public. Permission is given only "in very exceptional circumstances."

Mr Churchill has been granted the honour of publishing four such letters. The last shows, in the warmest and most intimate way, how the dark days of the war drew monarch and statesman together.

The first two, written on May 18, 1937, and April 12, 1940, were addressed to "My dear Mr Churchill"; the third, dated January 2, 1941, to "My dear Prime Minister."

But the letter published the other day began "My dear Winston."

Heavenly host

WHEN Captain Paul Remo (Turco) Westerling was running his private war against the Indonesians I described him as a man who shoots first, answers questions rarely.

Now Westerling, financed by a rich industrialist, is opening a night club in the luxury area of Brussels, one of the most expensive places in Europe to take a meal, as I know to my cost.

There is a French expression for meals at fancy prices. It is "manger au point de fusil" — or "eating at the point of a gun."

It sounds right up Captain Westerling's street.

Mr Butterwick

SIXTY-YEAR-OLD Mr Cyril Butterwick began teaching at Eton in 1914. By the time he left, in 1945, he was widely known as an outstanding schoolmaster. Above all, he will be remembered wherever cricket is played for many a day later to excel at Lord's has been strengthened by Mr Butterwick's instruction.

Early in life he became interested in old silver, china, and books.

And so it was no new love he embraced when he went from the classrooms of Eton to the salesrooms at Sotheby's,

where he is now a partner and auctioneer.

Three times a fortnight on the rostrum he faces the most experienced dealers and buyers.

An alarming experience? "To begin with, most alarming," Mr Butterwick told me, "but I think I was less nervous than many beginners. After all, I had spent a good deal of my life behind a desk dealing with fractious school-boys."

Impressionist

LADY DAVSON, 27-year-old barrister, artist, mother, and housewife, preparing for her second one-woman art exhibition, has no look of the traditional career girl.

And yet:—She was called to the Bar last January.

She has worked for a monthly economic paper.

She has written a pamphlet on industry foreword by Mr Harold Wilson.

She does her own housework and cooking.

She has a three-year-old daughter, and another child on the way.

Of the 88 pictures prepared for her new show, 34 were painted this year. Housewives may sympathise with her impressionist scenes of domestic wishful thinking—now hat rising from the flames of a burned dinner, a kitchen table where the bread has turned to sable muff, the rice to pearls.

Pieck's peak

THE PRESIDENT of the German Republic, Herr Wilhelm Pieck, has been a faithful servant of his Kremlin masters.

As reward, a mountain in the Central Asian Pamir range has been named after him.

The redesigned peak is, appropriately, "Kara Sheitan," which means "Black Satan."

Goat racing

I HAVE received a Christmas card from Government House, Trinidad. Embossed with a crown, it is evidently the official Government card, and I predict that it will arouse much interest. For it shows a photograph of "the start of a goat race."

I rang the Colonial Office to find out more of this strange sport. They referred me to a West Indian, Mr Mills, who said he had never heard of it, but suggested I should speak to a woman who lives in Trinidad. She had never heard of it, either.

I have failed to find anyone who has heard of goat racing, much less seen it.

I suggested in this column that Sir Hubert Bance, the new Governor, would bring fresh ideas to Trinidad.

Can goat racing be one of them?

The tenant

I CANNOT escape from the subject of Nottingham Cottage, the "grace and favour" house at Kensington Palace.

Recently I reported that "Crawley," former governess of the Princesses, was vacating it. Then that Major Edward Ford, the King's Assistant Private Secretary, would move in with his wife and family.

Not so. The next tenant will be Brigadier Ivan de la Bere, secretary to the Central Chancery of the Orders of Knighthood.

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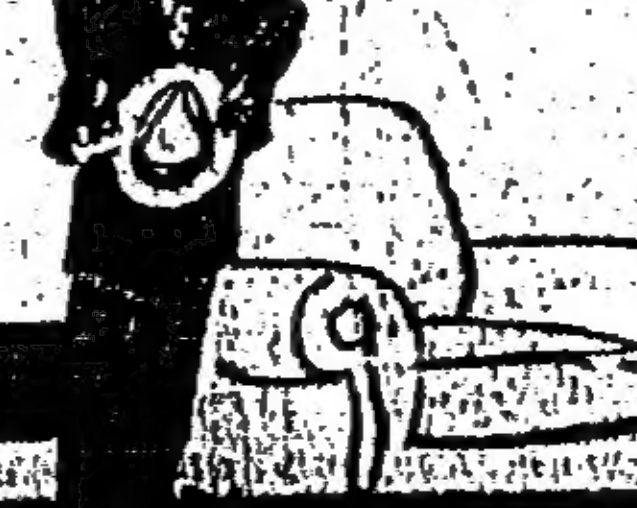
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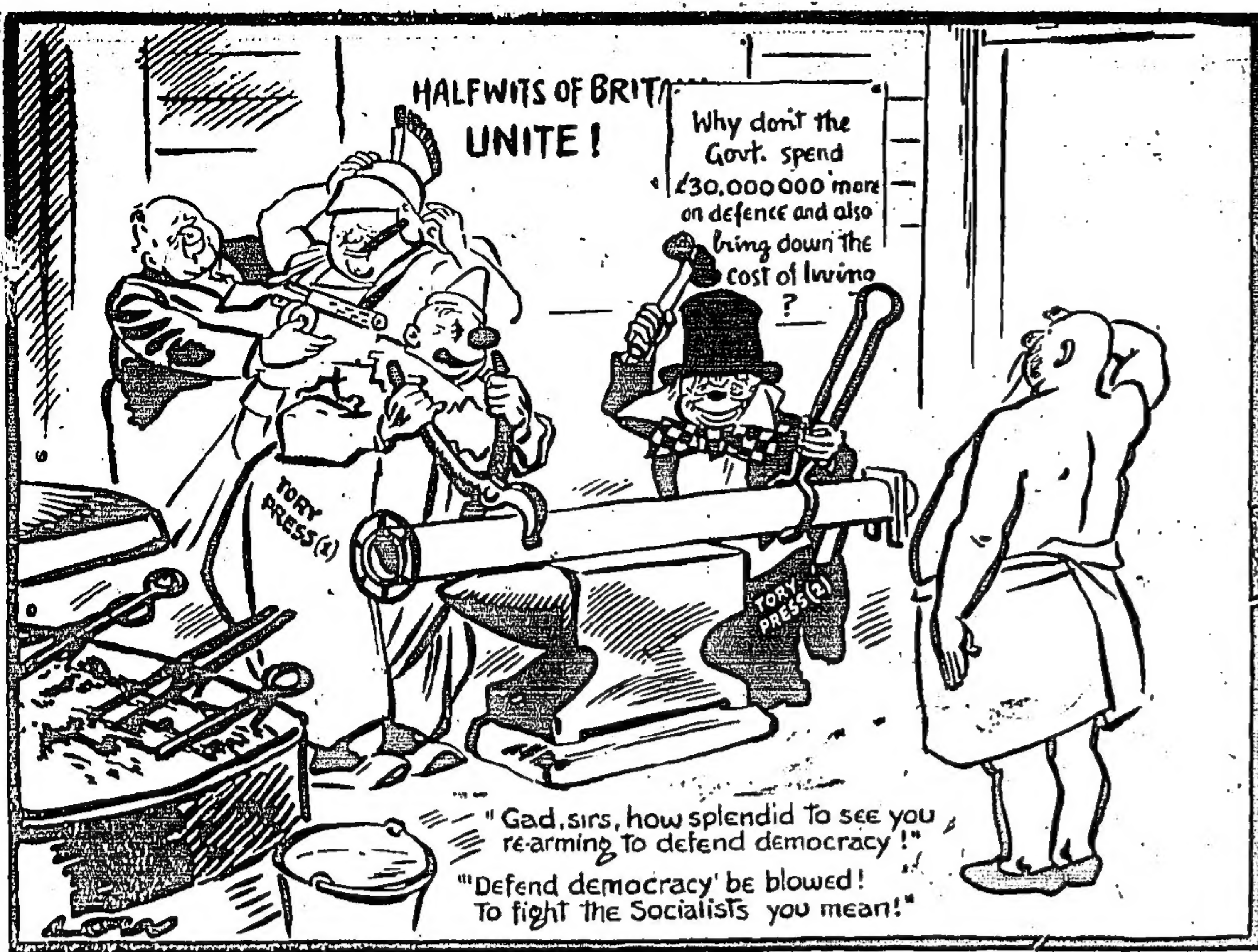
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SENSE OF VICTORY FILLS THE AIR

At the third Washington Conference ("Trident") no decision was taken whether Sardinia or mainland Italy should be the next goal after Sicily.

Mr Churchill persuaded Gen. Marshall (with the President's approval) to attend a further conference of Gen. Eisenhower's headquarters in Algeria. They crossed the Atlantic in the same flying-boat.

THE large double bed in the bridal suite of the Boeing was most comfortable, and I slept sound for a good many hours. All at once there was a sudden shock and bump. I awoke, put on my zip suit and went forward down the long central gallery of our spacious machine, and climbed the staircase to the navigating controls. I sat in the copilot's seat. It was by now a lovely moonlight night.

After a while I asked the pilot what caused the bump. "We were struck by lightning," he said, "but there's nothing wrong." This was good news. We had not caught fire or broken up in the air; there was no need to make a forced landing a thousand miles from anywhere. I had always wondered why aircraft did not mind being struck by lightning. To a groundswoman it would seem quite a dangerous thing. Afterwards I learned that there had been a good deal of anxiety.

I returned to my bed, and did not wake until just before dawn. When you are flying at 100 miles an hour while the earth is turning over the other way towards you, you meet the sun very early and he rises quickly. I adhered to my rule in these long flights that meals should be regulated by stomach-time. When one wakes up after daylight one should breakfast; five hours after lunch, lunch; five hours after lunch, dinner. Thus one becomes independent of the sun, which otherwise meddles too much in one's affairs and upsets the routine of work.

No escort

As we approached Gibraltar we looked around for our escort. There was no escort. Everyone's attention was attracted by an unknown aircraft, which we thought at first was taking an interest in us. As it came no closer we concluded it was a Spaniard.

On alighting, at about 5 p.m., we were met by the Governor. It was too late to continue our journey to Algiers that night, and he conveyed us to the Convent, where he resides, the films having been removed two centuries ago.

There is a story attached to the name. Up till 1803 the Governor's residence was always called the Convent. In that year, however, King Edward VII's Private Secretary, Sir Henry Ponsonby, wrote to the Governor and told him that the King thought it advisable to

By Winston Churchill

White's Governorship a paragraph had appeared in the English newspapers to the effect that the King had had luncheon at the Convent. Ten days afterwards His Majesty received a resolution passed by a Protestant association deploring the fact that the King should have thought it necessary not only to visit but even to have luncheon at a Roman Catholic institution. However, when King George VI visited North Africa in June, 1943, he expressed the wish that the Governor's residence should be renamed the Convent, so the Convent it still is.

Round The Rock

We did not leave Gibraltar for Algiers until the afternoon. There was therefore an opportunity to show Gen. Marshall the Rock, and we all made a few hours' pilgrimage, and inspected the new distillery which assures the fortress a permanent supply of fresh water, and various important guns, some hospitals, and a large number of troops. I finally went below to see the Governor's special pet, the new Rock gallery, cut deep in the rock, with its battery of eight quick-firing guns commanding the isthmus and the neutral ground between Britain and Spain.

An immense amount of work had been put into this, and it certainly seemed, as we walked along it, that whatever perils Gibraltar might have to fear, attack from the mainland was no longer one of them. The Governor's pride in his achievement was shared by his British visitors. It was not until we said good-bye upon the Catalina that Gen. Marshall somewhat hesitatingly observed, "I admired your gallery, but we had one like it at Corregidor. The Japanese fired their artillery from the rock several hundred feet above it, and in two or three days blocked it off with an immense bank of rubble."

We flew off in the early afternoon with a dozen Beaufighters circling far above us, and in the evening light reached the Algiers airfield where Gen. Eisenhower and Bedell Smith, Admiral Andrew Cunningham, Gen. Alexander and other friends were waiting for us. I motored straight to Admiral Cunningham's villa, next door to Gen. Eisenhower, which he placed at my disposal.

Inclined to action

I was determined to obtain before leaving Africa the decision to invade Italy should Sicily be taken. Gen. Brooke and I imparted our views to Gen. Alexander, Admiral Andrew Cunningham, and Air Marshal Tedder, and later to Gen. Montgomery. All these leading figures in the recent battles were inclined to action on the greatest scale, and saw in the conquest of Italy the natural fruition of our whole

Gen. Eisenhower was very reserved. He listened to all our arguments, and I am sure agreed with their purpose. But Marshall remained up till almost the last moment silent on cryptic.

The circumstances of our meeting were favourable to the British. We had three times as many troops, four times as many warships, and almost as many aeroplanes available for actual operations as the Americans. We had since Alamein, not to speak of the earlier years, lost in the Mediterranean eight times as many men and three times as much tonnage as our Allies. But what ensured for these potent facts the fairest and most attentive consideration with the American leaders was that notwithstanding our immense preponderance of strength we had continued to accept Gen. Eisenhower's Supreme Command and to preserve for the whole campaign the character of a United States operation.

The difference

We held our first meeting at Gen. Eisenhower's villa in Algiers at 5 o'clock on May 29. Although much lay in the balance, I was well satisfied with this opening discussion. The desire of all the leaders to go forward on the boldest lines was clear, and I felt myself that the reservations made on account of the unknowable would be settled by events in accordance with my hopes. I now prepared what I called "Background Notes," setting forth the whole case for the attack on Italy, together with tables of the forces available.

We met again at Eisenhower's villa on the afternoon of May 31. Mr Eden arrived in time to be present. I tried to elicit matters, and, after referring to the paper I had circulated, said that my heart lay in an invasion of Southern Italy, but the forays of battle might necessitate a different course. At my rate, the alternative between Southern Italy and Sardinia involved the difference between a glorious campaign and a mere convenience.

Gen. Marshall was in no way hostile to these ideas, but he did not wish for a clear-cut decision to be taken at this moment. He said that it would be better to decide what to do after we had started the attack on Sicily. He felt it would be necessary to know something of the German reactions in order to determine whether there would be real resistance in Southern Italy, whether the Germans would withdraw to the Po, for example; whether they could organise and handle the Italians with any finesse; what preparations had been made in Sardinia, Corsica, or in the Balkans; what readjustments they would make on the Russian front.

Like winning

On the two following days

went on an American tour on his own, and I travelled with Gen. Alexander, meeting all the commanders and seeing stirring sights of troops. The sense of victory was in the air. The whole of North Africa was cleared of the enemy. A quarter of a million prisoners were cooped in our cages. Everyone was very proud and delighted. There is no doubt that people like winning very much. I addressed many thousand soldiers at Carthage in the ruins of an immense amphitheatre. Certainly the hour and setting lent itself to oratory. I had no idea what I said, but the whole audience clapped and cheered as doubtless their predecessors of two thousand years ago had done as they watched gladiatorial combats.

Great advances

Our last meeting, on June 3, was largely concerned with the question of bombing the marshalling yards of Rome, and there was agreement that they were an important and necessary military objective, and that there was no valid reason for refraining from bombing this target, provided the attacks were made by day and due care was taken to prevent damage elsewhere.

I felt that great advances had been made in our discussions and that everybody wanted to go for Italy. I therefore, in summing up, stated the conclusions in a most moderate form and paid my tribute to Gen. Eisenhower. I said I would take home the feeling of confidence and comradeship which characterised action in this theatre.

Gen. Eisenhower replied that any praise which might be given belonged to the officers and the staff, and stated that while there might be differences of opinion and discussion in his headquarters, these were never based upon national lines. Gen. Marshall and Gen. Brooke warmly concurred, and we all parted on the best of terms.

A tragedy

Eden and I flew home together by Gibraltar. As my presence in North Africa had been fully reported, the Germans were exceptionally vigilant, and this led to a tragedy which much distressed me. The daily commercial aircraft was about to start from the Lisbon airfield when a flicker of light was seen in the sky. It was thought to be a passenger on it. The German agents therefore signalled that I was on board. Although these neutral passenger planes had been unmolested for many months between Portugal and England and had carried only civilian traffic, a German war plane was instantly ordered out, and the defenceless aircraft was ruthlessly shot down.

Fourteen civilian passengers perished, and among them the well-known British film actor Leslie Howard, whose grace and gifts are still preserved for us by the records of the many beautiful films in which he took part. The brutality of the Germans was only matched by the

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Truman,
DESPITE NOISY 'PACIFIC-FIRSTERS'
orders a
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WASHINGTON, Dec. 6. I USED to think that if I were in charge of Soviet political warfare against the West the first thing I would do would be to establish two undercover agencies.

One would work in Britain, the other in the United States. Their job would be to cause disharmony and suspicion between the two most powerful adversaries of the Kremlin's ambition of world domination, to break up, if possible, the alliance between them. To accomplish this task—

1 I would order both agencies to attack and denounce the Communist movement in the most violent terms and to show fanatical zeal in witch-hunting bogus Communist plots.

2 I would order the American agency to exploit every possible opportunity of denouncing British selfishness and betrayal of their American ally. I would tell the British agency to do the same for the Americans in Britain.

That is what I used to think.

Now that I have arrived here to watch these important policy discussions between Attlee and Truman it seems to me that perhaps the appointment of special agents is superfluous.

There are a sufficient number of woolly-minded blunderers to do the job spontaneously and without directions from Moscow.

There is our Mr Shinwell in Britain with his attacks on MacArthur. Here in Washington there are anti-British senators and writers like John O'Donnell of America's top-sale New York Daily News.

Outburst

O'DONNELL says in a typical outburst: "Britain and France do not want war with Red China; do not want MacArthur to have permission to save American lives by knocking out enemy bases in Manchuria from which are pouring soldiers, arms, planes, causing American casualties..."

"They are afraid, if he does, that Britain's Hongkong and France's Indo-China might be placed in jeopardy."

He finishes up: "We Americans do not pay with U.S. blood and U.S. dollars to win battles for outlanders, but they have the audacity to come to Washington and tell us how our troops and generals should think

and fight—while they stay back in dear old London."

The O'Donnells, though highly vociferous, are still a small minority. Even so, they form a harassing pressure group whose influence Truman and Acheson cannot neglect.

Stampede

MORE dangerous still—and again all I have consulted are agreed on this—if a Dunkirk in Korea should be followed by British pressure for a Munich in the Pacific, with appeasement of the Chinese aggressors, this might well stampede the Americans into the arms of isolationist "Pacific-firsters."

These are the politicians who declare that America should let the selfish and cowardly Europeans look after themselves while she concentrates all her efforts on defending the Pacific island-belt from the Aleutians, via Formosa, to the Philippines.

However, despite the pressure of the "Pacific-firsters," the first round has gone to common sense.

Delays

THE Americans agreed to stall in the United Nations with their denunciation of the Chinese as aggressors and to play around awhile with procedure.

That, I understand, is the secret background to the vote this afternoon by the Steering Committee approving the United States demand to put the question of intervention by China on the Assembly agenda.

Tomorrow the Assembly will meet to assign the item to the Political Committee. The committee is expected to discuss it for about a week before returning it to the Assembly for final action.

This week's "machining" will delay the necessity for awkward commitments on the China question.

This will give time—time badly needed—

1 By Truman and Attlee—to talk things over to see whether they can find a common line of policy towards China;

2 By the Indians—who are trying to find a basis of negotiation with the Chinese;

3 By MacArthur, who is still hoping to stabilise a new line.

What chances are there of Truman and Attlee finding a way out of their difficulties which avoids war with China and preserves the faith of small nations in the United Nations?

The Chinese may indeed not be as completely under the Soviet thumb as her other satellites. But the mere awareness of Western anxiety to avoid war with them, coupled with the confidence in their own strength born of the Korean adventure, will make it impossible to bargain with the Chinese on reasonable terms.

Big Fuse

ALL this, of course, presupposes that the Russians determined to involve the West in an Asiatic war, do not make the Chinese attack United States-occupied Japan on a plea that the Americans are rearming Japan for aggression against China.

Such an attack, however, would inevitably blow the big fuse. But my hunch is that the Russians are still reluctant to embark on war themselves.

If Attlee and Truman can agree upon their Pacific policy—and at the speed things are going in Korea it is necessary for them to decide quickly—they must still settle what they are going to do in the West.

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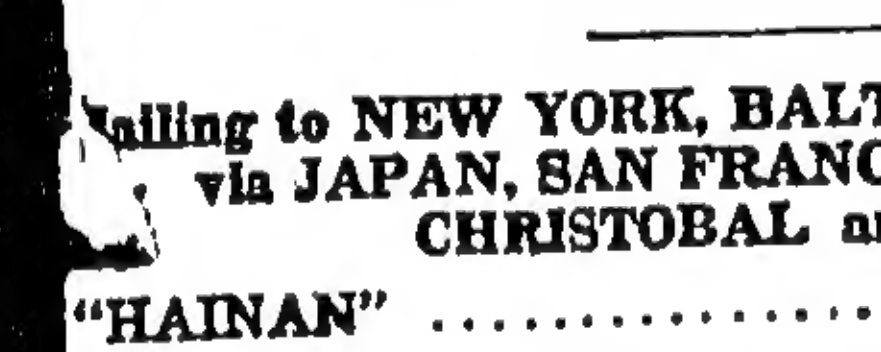
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Week-end Cricket

COMBINED SCHOOLS COULD DO WITH STRONGER OPPOSITION

By "RECORDER"

The first postwar Combined Schools XI on Saturday put in a request for stronger opposition than could be provided with a KCC XI that included Willie Davidson and Pat Dodge but was otherwise a mixed First and Second XI affair. They haven't written a letter to the Cricket League. They did it via the scoreboard.

The Schoolboys, aware of the importance of the occasion, put up a display that they had, probably, never dreamt themselves capable of. Against two of the staidest wicket-takers of the season in the First Division they put up 138 runs for four wickets, taking 50 runs off Willie Davidson for his two wickets and 24 off "Tinker" Lee without sparing him one. "Tinker" finished off bowling round the wicket, always an admission of defeat.

It was a great occasion and one of the principal contributors to the Schoolboys' victory was Henry Ching, Jr., of DBS, who scored only three runs but took 29 minutes over it, facing the best of Davidson and Lee for 13 overs. With E. Webster of KGVs he brought the score to nine runs before losing his wicket to Davidson.

When Michael Koodiaroff came in at first wicket down the scoring rate went up off tired bowling and with Webster he put on 80 runs for the second wicket in 64 minutes. Webster put on 48 runs to the total and Koodiaroff 40, both making the top scores of their cricketing experience outside of Inter-House matches and slugging feats against scratch sides. Neither has ever seen 40 in a Second Division match.

R. S. Lin, of DBS, the best schoolboy batsman in town, didn't have very many minutes at the wicket but scored 24 runs. In reply, KCC scored 73 runs in 59 minutes for six wickets. The first wicket they lost was that of Pat Dodge, who went to an acrobatic and spectacular catch by J. Davis at cover point of Nicolson.

SMART FIELDING
The Combined Schools' fielding was a delight to watch. "Look," said an old-timer in the pavilion, "there are two of them backing him up."

The Schoolboys were up against a team, that, counting in all the non-regular First Division players in it, would still be a place half-way up the First Division table. They won on enthusiasm and on the fact that they took the match seriously. It is a doubtful point that they could have beaten the same team with an opening bowler added to it.

Webster's 46 came off sound defensive batting. He took 93 minutes over it. Koodiaroff's 48 came very much faster though there were few boundaries in it. He kept finding gaps in the field and showed a good judgment for short runs. Neither looks a Compton in the making.

The only really promising cricketer in the Combined Schools side is Webster, a wicketkeeper in Godfrey Evans style who is Scots by origin but has lived in Kent and watched Evans play. His only fault is that he can't make up his mind whether to stand back or come closer in.

If KCC lacked their full bowling side, the Combined Schools did not use theirs. Douglas Hutton, the terror of the Second Division, only had two overs and R. S. Lin and Nicolson, who had an analysis of 3-3-0-1, were barely used. D. J. Dunne, who terrorised the Second Division batting last year at an average of 3.5 runs a wicket, was one of the opening bowlers, taking two wickets for 14 runs in 10 overs, four of them maidens.

Murdo Nicolson, a Scot with an American accent (he inherited it from his mother), was the other opening bowler. He wasn't at his best, taking some time to settle down to a length with his fast-medium delivery, and finished with three wickets for 45 runs in nine overs.

HAIRLINE FINISH
In the Chater Road match at Saturday between the Hongkong Cricket Club Under 35s and the Combined Schools, the latter won by 105 runs. Tony Raynor hit Len Stokes for three consecutive sixes and more sixes were scored in one afternoon than anyone of our current generation remembers at Chater Road.

The Under 35s put on 90 runs in 36 minutes. They had 120 runs up in 45 minutes and declared at 214 runs for five wickets after 99 minutes' play. They left the Over 35s a generous 105 minutes for victory and the ancients just scraped through with 80 runs in the first 20 minutes, a 100 after 45 minutes and 219 after 100 minutes odd.

The last ball of the match saw Harry Owen-Hughes batting and one run needed for a tie and two for victory. The Senior Elder jabbed the ball down and called for a run.

H. M. Newton, in a full length flying dive, missed the wicket and the Senior Elder again called for a run. He coached the other end before Harry Rankine had heard him and there was the unusual spectacle of two batsmen, nine fielders and both umpires at the same end of the wicket.

Of course, a yard out, picked up the ball and took an easy underarm throw, clean missing the wicket as Rankine completed the winning run.

The run-getters were A. P. Raynor (61), R. M. MacPherson (69), R. Thessen-Ender (28 not out) and Tony Weller (44 not out) for the Under-35s, Len Stokes (69), Laurie Kilbey (25), Alec Peary (23), Harry Owen-Hughes (50 not out) and Frank Howarth (28) for the Over 35s. Frank bowled again, taking one wicket for 44 runs. He must be a better batsman than a bowler.

Even cats like to pour their heart out and by the time we had finished, Momeng wasn't resenting that closed up hole in the fence very much. We told her how to make a detour down the road through the Kowloon Indian Tennis Club.

It's a circuitous route but it leads to the King's Park Apartments. On her way up, we hope, Momeng may meet the Navy clubhouse tom. He's rather a nice fellow and unlikely to take to whisky. They only serve beer at the Navy clubhouse.

Now, many people tending this story may not believe it. It's a long time since Alice was in Wonderland and grown up children still read "Winnie the Pooh" but have lost any credence in the fact that animals can converse.

For the non-believer, this column might as well check up on the facts as outlined here. "What happened to this fence?"

Some stupid newspaperman came around about a fortnight ago and wrote about the place in his column. The cat said, "There's been a fence erected here. There's lots of good things in it. I had around the King's Park Apartments and was very angry."

"RECORDED"

Disappointing Interport Trial

By "OBSERVER"

Yesterday's hockey interport trial was another disappointment. It was thought that the Selection Committee had already passed the experimental stage after the holding of the previous two trials, and that a Colony probable "A" team were to be given some practice yesterday by a probable Colony "B" XI.

Instead of that there was a wholesale reshuffling of players in the second half, for the mere reason that a number of reserves had been asked to be present and that they should therefore be given a chance to play. The result was a listless game completely devoid of the zeal or determination that is usually seen even in a Second Division League game.

The Selection Committee must have certainly watched a number of League games and general League form together with what they saw in last week's trials should certainly give them a very good idea by now what the basic composition of the Colony's two teams is. If there is any reshuffling, why not only replace the player that the Committee think is a misfit?

HIGH TIME

With only five weeks more to go, and with only two more trials possible before the interport match with Macao, it appears high time that the Selection Committee concentrate on selecting Hongkong's probable "A" and "B" teams and give them as much practice as possible, instead of wasting time in so-called giving chances to as many players as possible to show their worth.

What Hongkong needs is a combining forward line, with forwards knowing where to position themselves to take their halves' passes. To do this they must be given opportunities to play together as a team as much as possible. If any of the forwards is unsuitable change him, but certainly not the whole forward line.

Most of the spectators who were present at yesterday's trial were more pessimistic than ever of Hongkong's chances against Macao and unless the Selection Committee really get going, it is generally felt that Hongkong is in for a real drubbing.

MEN'S HOCKEY LEAGUE STANDINGS

1ST DIVISION

| Team | P | W | D | L | Pts |
|----------------|---|---|---|---|-----|
| Argonauts | 8 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 16 |
| Recreo "A" | 8 | 4 | 1 | 3 | 13 |
| Police "A" | 8 | 3 | 1 | 4 | 10 |
| RAF | 8 | 3 | 0 | 5 | 9 |
| Royal Navy | 7 | 2 | 0 | 5 | 4 |
| HK Hockey Club | 7 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 3 |
| Recreo "B" | 8 | 1 | 0 | 7 | 2 |

2ND DIVISION

| Team | P | W | D | L | Pts |
|---------------|---|---|---|---|-----|
| Thunderbolts | 7 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 14 |
| Argonauts "B" | 7 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 11 |
| University | 7 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 10 |
| Dutch | 7 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 8 |
| YMCA | 7 | 4 | 0 | 3 | 8 |
| Nomads | 7 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 7 |
| HKAFA | 6 | 1 | 0 | 5 | 2 |
| Rovers | 8 | 1 | 0 | 7 | 2 |
| Police "B" | 8 | 1 | 0 | 7 | 2 |

TONIGHT'S BADMINTON

By "Argonaut"

Two very interesting games are included in tonight's programme of Badminton League matches. At Bridges Street, the Chinese YMCA "A" team will take on Club de Recreo in their return Men's "A" Division encounter.

In their first round match, the Chinese Y team consisting of the Colony's top notches, P. K. Hui, Patrick Wong, C. F. Lee, W. F. Fong, D. C. Lau and Ramon Young were victorious by eight sets to one.

Since then the Recreo team with the two promising youngsters, A. J. Remedios and Billy Jones, have improved tremendously with constant practice. A high standard of badminton should be seen.

Highlight of the Men's "C" Division games is the first clash between the hitherto unbeaten Chung Wah and the Kowloon Tong Club. Kowloon Tong Club is this year's dark horse and it will not be surprising if they achieve the distinction of being the first team to lower the colours of Chung Wah.

THE PROGRAMME
The following is tonight's programme:
Men's "A" Division
Chinese YMCA "A" vs Recreo
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WEEK-END SOFTBALL

BLACKHAWKS SCORE
TWIN VICTORY TO
CONSOLIDATE LEAD

By "GRANDSTAND"

Blackhawks consolidated their lead in the Junior Softball League when they coasted home with a twin victory over the week-end, shading the rival Dalawares 5-4 before a crowd of fans who braved the sandstorm at King's Park, and stifling the Mustang attempt 10-3.

Except for a brief period when the Reds threatened to upset the Overseas, the Senior League scuffles were listless affairs, as the Overseas finally subdued the Reds 11-9 while South China handed out the worst shellacking of the season when they battered the Panthers with 23 blows to wind up with a 28-0 massacre.

As predicted, the Ladies League games were run-away affairs for the Canadians and the Wahos, whose hurlers, Alice Mar and Terry Noronha, tossed their sides to shutout triumphs over the feeble Pirates and Clovers.

Terry Noronha's 28-0 masterpiece over the four-leaved club was a hitless performance and would have resulted in a perfect game but for an infield booby in the late innings.

BLACKHAWKS 5-

DALAWARES 4

The best game of the week was undoubtedly the Blackhawk-Dalawares scuffle which provided partisan fans with plenty of excitement as the leadership changed hands with almost every inning in an exhibition in which tight fielding was the keynote.

Rene Segura started Hawk hurler Joey Grace who promptly dispatched leadoff Jackie Silva back to the bench with three burning strikes but made the mistake of walking Jobaquim Colaco who turned the advantage to a score on an infield fumble. Manuel Remedios grounded out and Terry Lucido fanned with ducks in the pond.

The Hawks failed to score in their half, leaving Eric Remedios stranded on third base. The Dalawares tried to add to the lead in the second when Mickey Osmund worked Grace for a pass to first base but died off the base-path as Richard Chaves whiffed and Jackie Silva grounded out.

The Dalawares lead was short-lived, however, as the Hawks came back in the bottom of the second with a two run spree when Manuel Nunes walked to first and hurler Terry Lucido who fielded Alvaro Souza's bunt neatly, uncorked a wild heave over first base.

The ballgame was knotted up in the top of the third when Joaquim Colaco dived the rubber again on a walk, a sacrifice and a Hawk error as Carlos Xavier fled out with two potential scorers on base.

Once more the Hawks nudged themselves into the lead in their turn with the hickory as Tony Gutierrez and Alvaro Souza combined singles, but the pendulum swung the other way again in the next chapter when Grace faltered and allowed two passes to first, to see Colaco and Ribeiro contributing timely hits that pushed two runs across the plate for the Dalawares to lead once more by 4-3.

Fighting with their backs to the wall, the Hawks came through with the equaliser when Manuel Gutierrez was given a life as first-sacker Assumpcao tumbled a hurried throw while Bernie Silva added the Hawks cause with a timely bingle.

In the crucial fifth inning, Hawk hurler Joey Grace really bore down hard and snuffed all further threats by the Dalawares to break the deadlocked score by retiring the side for the next three frames without any one reaching second base safely.

The decisive run was chalked up by the Hawks in the bottom of the fifth when they sewed together a hit, a sacrifice and an error to produce the winning run for the Hawks to preserve their unbeaten record.

Both sides connected for four hits each, all of them singles, but whereas the Dalawares blows played potential scorers on base the Hawk clubs blasted out safeties to score runners from third base. Grace struck out seven for the victors while Terry Lucido on the slab for the losers lacked sting and whiffed none.

SENIOR LEAGUE GAMES
The South China v. Panthers tussle which was called off after five innings to the relief of bored fans was a farce, as an erratic Panther outfield tried in vain to stop the monotonous procession of Chinese runners crossing the plate, and it was not until the 28th of the runner had tallied that it was decided to call it a day.

The Caroliners took advantage of the weak opposition and fattened their batting averages with some fancy clouting highlighted by pitcher P. C. Wong's perfect live in his display. Shortstop K. T. Leung registered four in five while distance blows were walloped by P. L. Wong, P. H. Lee and P. C. Wong.

South China started slowly with the routine testing out of the Panthers' defence with only three runs in the initial inning, but once they discovered they had a sieve in the field, their runs came in bunches of 12 and 9 for the next two innings, and even after they had thrown in their bench-warmer, they were still able to garner seven more runs before the massacre was over.

Overseas Chinese almost underestimated the Reds when mentor Johnnie K. Ho started K. Sit on the slab, and after

RESULTS AT
A GLANCE

MEN'S SENIOR LEAGUE

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| South China 28 | Panthers 0 |
| Overseas 11 | Reds 9 |
| MEN'S JUNIOR LEAGUE | |
| Blackhawks 5 | Dalawares 4 |
| Dragons 14 | Dodgers 10 |
| Mustangs 3 | Blackhawks 4 |
| Aces 11 | Falcons 10 |
| Pandas 7 | Spartans 10 |

LADIES' LEAGUE

| | |
|-------------|-----------|
| Canadians 5 | Pirates 0 |
| Wahos 28 | Clovers 0 |

MIDGET LEAGUE

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| St. Joseph's 1 | Lions 2 |
| Dodgers 38 | Black Arrows 2 |

Sarazola clouted a round-tripper to deep left, but the uprisings were smothered as J. Silva grounded out.

The Pirates were optimistic as leadoff batter Tracy Brown connected for a single in the opening frame, but class was bound to tell as Canuckette clouted a sacrifice and a Hawk clamped down tight and pitched a hitless shutout for the rest of the tilt.

The next Pirate to smell first base was in the sixth when P. Botelho received a life on a fumble, but failed to convert the chance into a score.

Turning back the Bues 5-0, Alice Mar struckout eight, while her team-mate Effie Babida connected for a round-tripper.

The Wahos almost registered the first perfect game of the season as they trampled over the Clovers 28-0, and the error in the next chapter was an infield error which was atoned for as the Ows converted it into a double play to snuff the attempt to break the duck.

Wahoo hurler Terry Noronha aided her own pitching effort with a brace of safe-hits, but the limelight in the sickening department was monopolised by Hilda Soares with three in six, which included a clothes-line smash to the distant confines of the left field.

CHURCHILL'S
MEMOIRS

(Continued from Page 7)
one could imagine that with all the resources of Great Britain at my disposal I should have booked a passage in a neutral plane from Lisbon and flown home in broad daylight. We of course made a wide loop out by night from Gibraltar into the ocean, and arrived home without incident.

Here then we end this volume, which describes the turning-point of the Second World War. The entry of the United States into the struggle after the Japanese assault on Pearl Harbour had made it certain that the cause of Freedom would not be cast away. But between survival and victory there are many stages.

Nearly two years of intense and bloody fighting lay before us all. Henceforward, however, the danger was not Destruction, but Stalemate. The American armies had to mature and their vast construction of shipping to become effective before the full power of the Great Republic could be hurled into the struggle. But further successes lay right before us, and the Fall, or rather Liberation, of Italy was near.

Hitler had still to pay the full penalty of his fatal error in trying to conquer Russia by invasion. He had still to squander the immense remaining strength of Germany in many theatres not vital to the main result. Soon the German nation was to be alone in Europe, surrounded by an infuriated world in arms. The leaders of Japan were already conscious that their onslaught had passed its zenith. Together soon Great Britain and the United States would have the mastery of the Oceans and the Air. The hinge had turned.

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THE END

JOHNNY HAZARD



• BY • THE • WAY •

by Beachcomber

WHEN you read "Yesterday was fine and warm with light breezes," does it not occur to you that a weather backcast would be much more reliable than a forecast?

The herds of meteorologists and prophets and seers, labouring at their instruments, have no time to look at the sky or to sniff the air. That is why any old countryman is a far more reliable weather-prophet than the whole crowd of experts lumped together, and fastened to their gadgets.

Short detective story

AT 12.23 p.m., on a Wednesday, a haulage contractor shot a hippopotamus in the bathroom of his hotel at Wakua Falls. He then escaped by a window. When the Manager, who had heard the shot, arrived on the scene the body of the animal had vanished, but there was a female footmark on a bath-mat. Detectives found a bullet embossed in the wall, and a pair of scissors in the bath. The finger-prints on the scissors were those of the head-waiter. How did the body of the hippopotamus disappear? (See answer on back page, col. 3)

Sweet and low

THIS is evidently the month of amazing discoveries. A Gallup poll has found that lullabies are dying out. Mothers no longer sing to their children. One reason is that, at what used to be lullaby time, the mother is at the pictures or working in a factory, and the child is cracking a safe or telling Ministry spies about his father's infringement of some regulation or other dealing with the setting of mouse-traps.

Disgraceful incident

"IT was an utter disgrace.... Nobody has any manners nowadays. The bus was full of

INTELLIGENCE TEST

PHOEBE'S
PUZZLE

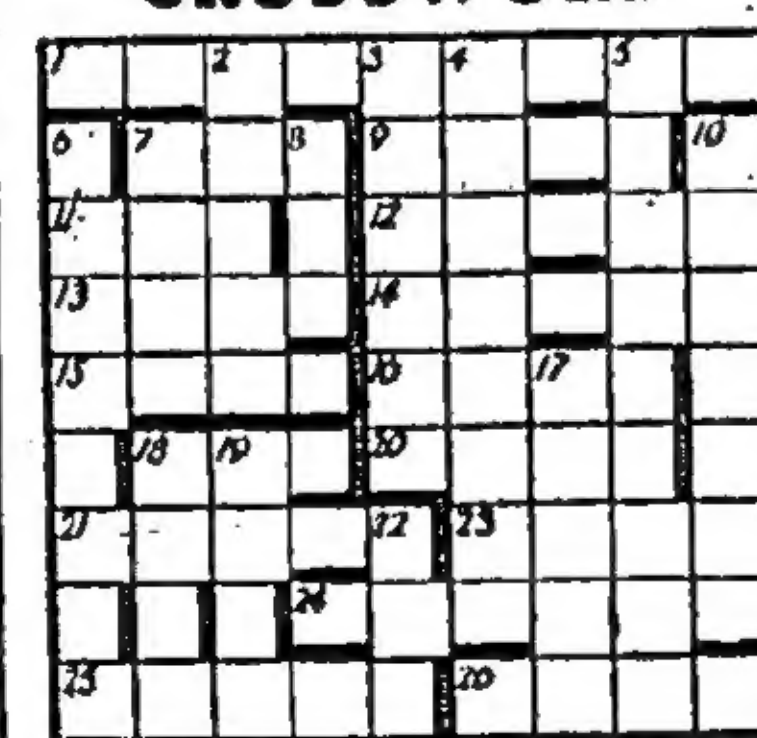
By T. O. HARE

SAID my niece Phoebe: "I wonder what would the same have very different meanings. That's so. Quite Timothy, isn't it?"
"Certainly," said I.
"Take for example HARE and BEAR," said Phoebe. "HARE is the square of 19, but BEAR is the square of 15. This is a puzzle, is it?"
"Each letter gives for a digit," I presumed.
"That's right," I said. "Timothy and Phoebe. How quickly can you find the square of 15?"
"I think I can," said Phoebe. "What is Phoebe's notation?"
Is the answer?

London Express Service.

(Solution on Page 12)

CROSSWORD



Across:
1. This should be very pleased. (4)
2. Departing guests usually give a good this. (3)
3. Colour. (4)
4. A decidedly puzzling clue. (10)
5. This is a kind of trim. (6)
6. There one's stay is not voluntary. (4)
7. Habit among U.S.A. goons. (6)
8. Make little changes. (4)
9. Here you see me as a layer. (4)
10. This lock attracted a lot of interest. (3)
11. Initially a signals letter. (4)
12. Object. (5)
13. Play it by the book. (4)
14. Let men sit in such a way as to remind you of something. (10)
15. Turn to the will of the main. (4)
16. Anglo-Indian groom. (4)
17. Down:
1. This may be your daily. (3)
2. This person has four feet to carry him on his way. (10)
3. A decidedly puzzling clue. (10)
4. He expresses disapproval. (4)
5. May on a worthless haul. (4)
6. Measure of a yellow stocking. (3)
7. Unavailable. (4)
8. Friendship. (5)
9. Crossing over. (4)
10. Pound in high tide. (4)
11. This is a very short of it. (3)
12. Solution of Saturday's puzzle: Across:
13. Quander. 7. Hiss. 9. Mud. 10. Hare. 11. Bear. 12. Hare. 13. Bear. 14. Hare. 15. Bear. 16. Hare. 17. Bear. 18. Hare. 19. Bear. 20. Hare. 21. Bear. 22. Hare. 23. Bear. 24. Hare. 25. Bear. 26. Hare. 27. Bear. 28. Hare. 29. Bear. 30. Hare. 31. Bear. 32. Hare. 33. Bear. 34. Hare. 35. Bear. 36. Hare. 37. Bear. 38. Hare. 39. Bear. 40. Hare. 41. Bear. 42. Hare. 43. Bear. 44. Hare. 45. Bear. 46. Hare. 47. Bear. 48. Hare. 49. Bear. 50. Hare. 51. Bear. 52. Hare. 53. Bear. 54. Hare. 55. Bear. 56. Hare. 57. Bear. 58. Hare. 59. Bear. 60. Hare. 61. Bear. 62. Hare. 63. Bear. 64. Hare. 65. Bear. 66. Hare. 67. Bear. 68. Hare. 69. Bear. 70. Hare. 71. Bear. 72. Hare. 73. Bear. 74. Hare. 75. Bear. 76. Hare. 77. Bear. 78. Hare. 79. Bear. 80. Hare. 81. Bear. 82. Hare. 83. Bear. 84. Hare. 85. Bear. 86. Hare. 87. Bear. 88. Hare. 89. Bear. 90. Hare. 91. Bear. 92. Hare. 93. Bear. 94. Hare. 95. Bear. 96. Hare. 97. Bear. 98. Hare. 99. Bear. 100. Hare. 101. Bear. 102. Hare. 103. Bear. 104. Hare. 105. 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Two Men Face Grave Charges

On charges of robbery and possession of arms, Chung Tung, 24, unemployed, and Lau Seung, 22, unemployed, were both remanded for three days by Mr Winter at Kowloon this morning.

Defendants were alleged to have committed an armed robbery on December 1 at Shatin Gap, where they robbed five persons of clothing, cash and jewelry.

The first defendant is additionally charged with possession of one automatic pistol and seven rounds of ammunition in Lung Kong Road on December 15. The second defendant is charged with possession of one short firearm on December 16 at Mau Ping Village, Sai-kung, New Territories.

Mail Notices

A surface mail to United Kingdom per R.M.S. Carthage will be closed on December 22. This mail is expected to arrive in London on or about January 2, 1951.

Unless otherwise stated, registered articles (by air or sea) and parcel post close one hour earlier than the ordinary mail where mails close on Sunday or before 10 a.m. on any other day, registered and parcel post close at 5 p.m. on the previous day. Mails are closed at Kowloon Central Post Office one hour earlier than the C.P.O. closing times.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 18
Closing Times By Air
Malaya, Indonesia, Ceylon, Australia, New Zealand, India, Pakistan, Persian Gulf Ports, East Africa, South Africa, Mauritius, Great Britain, Italy & N.W. Europe, 5 p.m.
Indo-China, French North Africa & France, 6 p.m.
Siam, Noon

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19
Closing Times By Air
Formosa, 10 a.m.
Philippines, Hawaii & U.S.A. (letters second class mail and parcel class mail) Canada, 5 p.m.
Siam, 5 p.m.
Formosa & U.S.A. 5 p.m.
Japan & Korea, 5 p.m.
Closing Times By Sea
Siam, 10 a.m.
Malaya, 2 p.m.
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20
Closing Times By Air
Malaya, Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand, India, Pakistan, Iraq, Iran, Egypt, East & South Africa, Mauritius, Great Britain, Italy & N.W. Europe, 5 p.m.
Indo-China, 5 p.m.
Formosa, 5 p.m.
Closing Times By Sea
Hawaii, U.S.A., Canada, Central & South America, 2 p.m.
Japan, 2 p.m.
Indo-China, 2 p.m.

BOAC PLANE ARRIVES

The first scheduled BOAC Argonaut from London to Hongkong since the end of the London Airport electricians' strike arrived at Kai Tak this morning.

It was a day late, having been held up at Bangkok. The plane brought 22 passengers, mostly from London and 75 bags of mail.

It also carried a few bags of mail for Korea.

Infringed Copyright Alleged

Summonses Against Stores Adjourned

Five summonses taken out by George Yin Non of 511 Nathan Road, third floor, owner of the copyright to a book entitled "Foundation, Chinese Language," against five bookstores for alleged infringement of copyright, were adjourned sine die by Mr Winter at Kowloon this morning.

Appearing for the complainant, Mr A. C. Arculli applied for the adjournment, explaining that certain terms had been offered to his client by the defendants, who will be represented by Mr J. C. Stewart.

Summonses for the alleged infringement were the manager of the Kwong Tin bookstore of 105 Thomson Road, the manager of the Shing Kee bookstore of 87 Nanchang Street, the manager of the Tai Fong bookstore of 56 Nathan Road and the Tai Chung bookstore of 241 Keelung Street.

On a summons for knowledge by way of trade, offering for sale infringing copies of the book concerned on September 10 was Chen Tong of 282 Shanghai Street, third floor.

CHARGED WITH PETROL THEFT

Twenty-year-old Man Pui-sai of 308 Nathan Road, first floor, was remanded until Friday when he came before Mr d'Almeida at Kowloon today for simple larceny.

Man was charged with the theft of two gallons of petrol which the police alleged he and his friend stole from a car parked in Pine Hill Street at 5 a.m. on December 12.

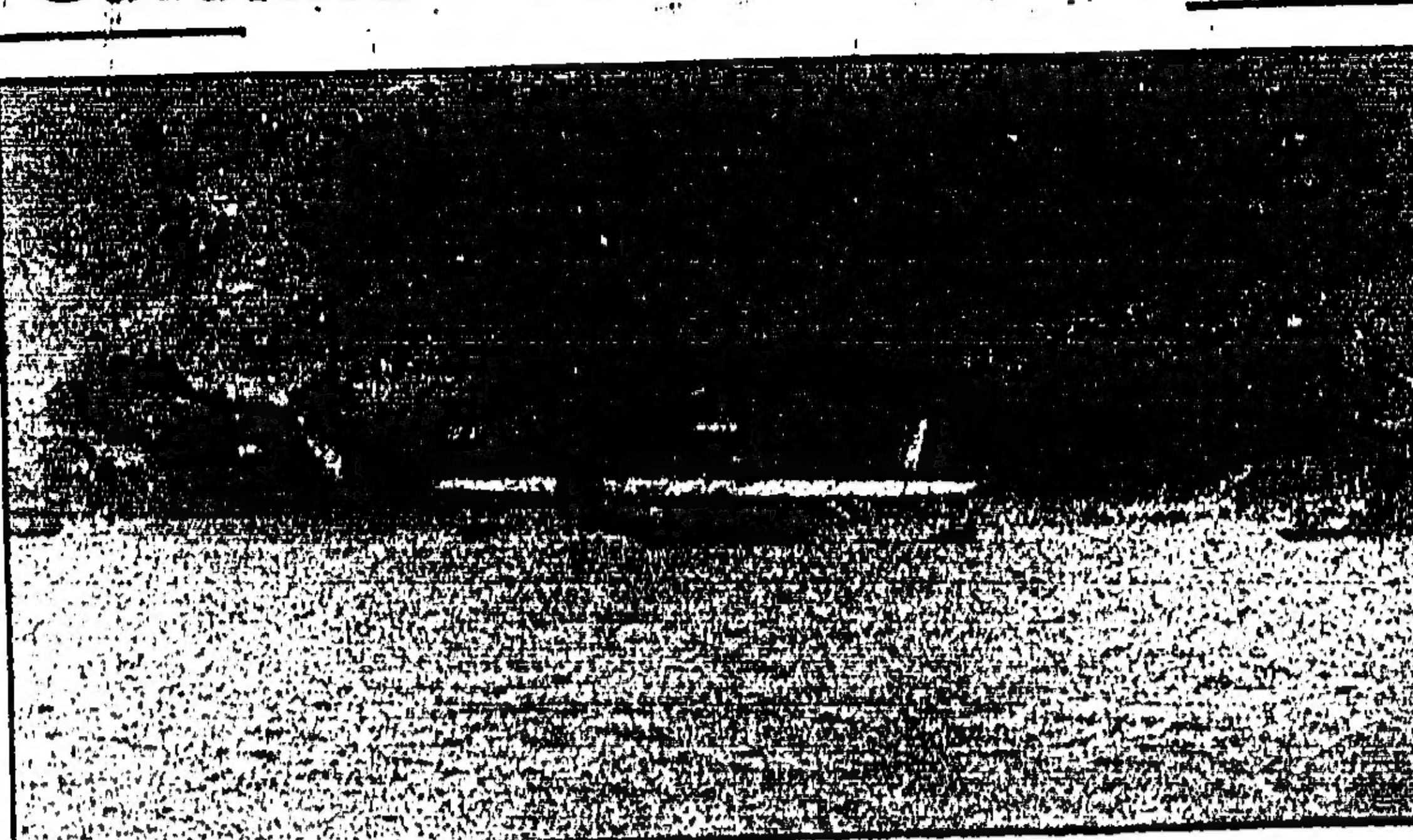
The defendant said he and his friend were driving a car and ran short of petrol. His friend went to steal it without his knowledge.

The police revealed that the defendant had been in hospital suffering from a gunshot wound, and had only been discharged last Saturday.

Radio Hongkong

H.K.T. "Hongkong Calling" Programme Summary: 6.02, "Children's Hour" cond. by Jack Frost. (Studio); 6.30, "Portuguese Hour" (Studio); 7.00, "World News and News Analysis" (London Relay); 7.15, "John Bull's Band" - British Hits of Yesterday and To-day; (BBC); 7.45, "March of the Bands" (London Relay); 8.00, "From the Editorials" (London Relay); 8.10, "Cater Talks on Films" (Studio); 8.25, "Interlude"; 8.30, "I Like What I Like" presented by Minkie Wit-kenny (Studio); 9.00, "Time" (BBC); 9.30, "Concerto" 10.00, "Radio News Reel" (London Relay); 10.15, "Weather Report" 10.45, "Far From the Land" - A Play by Ruth Park produced by James Macgibbon. (BBC); 11.15, "Goodnight Music" 11.20, "Weather Report" God Save the King; 11.30, Close Down.

Catalina Towed To Safety



This picture taken during the weekend off Lapa Island, near Macao, shows the Hongkong-registered and privately owned Catalina plane which had to make a forced landing last week, but was saved from sinking by a Chinese gunboat which towed it to safety. Three members of the crew and a passenger were rescued by Chinese Communists, and representations have been made by the British authorities for their release.—Photograph by our Macao correspondent.

Cane And Term In Gool

Snatcher Sentenced

Arraigned before the Senior Puisne Judge, Mr Justice Gould, in the Criminal Sessions this morning, Ho Sing was sentenced to four years and 12 strokes of the cane when he pleaded guilty to larceny from the person.

Remarking that it was a border line case of robbery, Mr W.A. Blair-Kerr, Crown Counsel, who was assisted by Det. Sub-Insp. R.C. Laurel, said that the complainant was Lai Shu-ngo, a young woman of 20 years of age. In the afternoon of October 30 she left her home in Po Hing Fong and went shopping.

Complainant was wearing a gold bracelet on her left wrist at the time. As she was returning home carrying a number of parcels in her hands, accused seized her left wrist and wrenched the bracelet from it. He then pushed her to the ground. As a result of the fall, both her knees and the left forearm were bruised. There were also a few scratches on her wrist.

Accused was unemployed and had only been in the Colony for 20 days before the offence, Counsel said.

Passing sentence, his Lordship told the accused that he was lucky to be charged with larceny and not with robbery.

Lord McGowan Resigns

The Board of Imperial Chemical Industries Limited announced with regret that the Rt. Hon. Lord McGowan KBE, DCL, LL.D. has for reasons of health and acting on medical advice, relinquished his position as Chairman of the Board and of resigning from the Board of the Company on December 31, 1950.

Lord McGowan has been actively associated with the Company and its predecessors in title for over sixty years. He was Chairman of Nobel Industries Limited which merged to form Imperial Chemical Industries Limited in December 1926, and was the first President and Deputy Chairman of Imperial Chemical Industries Limited on its incorporation, succeeding the first Lord Melchett as Chairman on the latter's death in December 1930.

The Board has unanimously appointed Mr John Rogers OBE as Chairman of the Board to succeed Lord McGowan with effect on and from 1st January 1951.

In view of Lord McGowan's long and distinguished services to the Company and to British Industry, the Board have offered Lord McGowan, and he has accepted, the position of Honorary President of the Company with effect on and from 1st January 1951.

Contempt Of Court

For contempt of Court, Tang Wo 52-year-old coolie a native of Chin Chau, was fined \$10 or four days by Mr Reynolds at Central this morning. Defendant was arrested when he was seen smoking a cigarette in Court on Saturday morning while the cases were being heard by Mr Reynolds.

Four Men Receive Stiff Sentences

Four men who forced their way into the home of a family living in Sai Yee Street as dawn was breaking on October 21 and stole HK\$2,110 and US\$1,255 were each sentenced to 11 years hard labour and ordered to receive 12 strokes of the cane by Mr Justice Gould in the Supreme Court this morning.

The men, Ma Chun, Lam Ching, alias Lam Bui-sing, Chan Sam-sun and Tsang Pat, all pleaded guilty to a charge of robbery with aggravation.

A fifth man, Yeung Sui-tak, who pleaded not guilty to the same offence was discharged when the prosecution offered no evidence.

The second accused was also charged with illegal possession of arms and ammunition and sentenced to eight years hard labour. The sentence is to run concurrent with the first.

Mr Blair-Kerr, Crown Counsel, prosecuting said that a family of five living at 233, Sai Yee Street, had been playing mah-jong all night when the accused burst in on them.

The accused, one of whom had a gun, herded the family into a corner of the room and bound and gagged them. The men then ransacked the premises. Besides taking money from their victims the men found \$1,000 in US notes hidden in a shoe.

Robbed Taxi Driver

For robbing a taxi driver employed by the Dollar Motor Company of \$38 and a wrist watch two men, Chan Yiu and Cheung Yat-sing, were each sentenced to seven years hard labour and ordered to receive 12 strokes of the cane by Mr Justice Gould in the Supreme Court this morning.

The men were stated by Mr Blair-Kerr, Crown Counsel, prosecuting, to have hired the taxi in Queen's Road Central on the evening of November 8. After the first accused had got into the taxi beside the driver the second man, who sat in the rear, put a dagger to the neck of the driver and told him to put his hands up. After binding the driver the two men relieved him of \$38 and his wrist watch.

It was said that both men were already serving sentence imposed by a lower Court for a similar offence.

Fishing Boat Carries Cattle

For breach of his licence conditions, Li Choi-lee, master of fishing boat No. F48HL, was fined \$100 by Mr T. B. Low at the Marine Court this morning.

According to the Prosecution, defendant's boat was intercepted off North Point by the Marine Police at 8.40 a.m. on December 15 and 20 head of cattle were found on board.

The boat came from Swabue and was not licensed to carry cargo. The Prosecuting Officer added.

Defendant, pleading guilty, said that he had intended to apply for a trading licence on arrival in Hongkong. This was the first time the boat had carried cargo.

HILLSIDE FIRE

A fire appliance from Eastern Fire Station rushed to the junction of Island Road and Red Bay Road about 10.30 a.m. today and quenched a grass fire on the hillside about 100 yards from Rediff.

Ex-PC Sent To Prison For Six Years

Unlawful Possession Of Firearms

A former Hongkong Police constable, Lui Sik-fan, 31, who pleaded guilty, on arraignment, to unlawful possession of a revolver, a pistol and six rounds of ammunition, was sentenced to six years hard labour by the Senior Puisne Judge, Mr Justice Gould, in the Criminal Sessions this morning.

Mr W. A. Blair-Kerr, Crown Counsel, said that accused was arrested in his cubicle in Gage Street on October 29 last. The weapons and ammunition were found in a chest of drawers, wrapped in a parcel. Both guns were in good working order.

Accused was born in Hongkong, the Prosecution continued. He had been in the Police Force for 10 years. He first joined in 1940 and then rejoined the Force after the re-occupation. He had spent a good deal of time, during the postwar years, on the CID staff at various stations. He resigned in August, this year.

Pleading in mitigation on behalf of the accused, Mr S. V. Gittins (instructed by Mr Peter Mo), said that since accused's resignation from the Police Force, he had been a pharmacist and had been married and three children, the eldest 11 years of age and the youngest four years.

The shock of accused's arrest brought on the death of his mother which occurred three weeks ago, Counsel said.

Mr Gittins stated that the accused's property of a village in the country and when the Communists occupied that area all weapons were ordered to be turned in. An uncle of the accused brought the arms into the Colony and asked accused's mother to care for them until he could take them away and join a band of guerrillas. This was about five days before the arrest. Accused's uncle had not since returned to claim the guns.

Counsel asked the Court to take these factors into consideration when passing sentence.

His Lordship told the accused that he would be as light in his sentence as he could in view of accused's good record in the Police Force, but accused of all people, having been in the Police for so long, must have known how serious an offence had been committed.

Sentence of six years was remarking that accused was not fit for corporal punishment. The arms and ammunition were ordered to be confiscated.

Man With Bad Record

Remarking that accused had a bad record involving five convictions, the Senior Puisne Judge, Mr Justice Gould sentenced Lo Mui, a life banished, to four years and six months - when he pleaded guilty, on arraignment, to breach of the deportation order, in the Criminal Sessions this morning.

Mr W. A. Blair-Kerr, Crown Counsel, said that accused was arrested on November 30 just as he crossed into British territory.

Accused's convictions included those for larceny, being a member of an unlawful society and breach of deportation order.

The same sentence was passed on two other life banisheds for a similar offence.

Accused were Cheng Kam-shiu and Lo Kau who were banished for life in April, 1949, and July, 1947, respectively.

Another life banished, Chan Wai-yang, who had returned three times after the deportation order had been made against him and who had a number of convictions for loitering, larceny and unlawful possession was sentenced to four years.

Sentence of three years was passed on three life banisheds including two women accused. They were Tsang Pat; Cheung Mui (woman); and Kwok Chan, alias Kwok Chun (woman).

Lam Ching, alias Chan Pih-sing, and Wong Kit, who were both banished for 10 years in 1949, and who pleaded guilty to breach of the deportation order, were sentenced to three years and two years respectively.

All the accused had previous convictions.

H.K. Not Included In Blocked Area

Washington, Dec. 17. Hongkong was not included as a "blocked area" in yesterday's order freezing all Communist Chinese assets in the United States, Treasury officials said today.

But any person acting as an agent or "front" for Communist Chinese interests would be subject to the control, it was stated. The same was true for anyone living in any part of the world.

Chinese nationals living in Hongkong would not be subject to the blocking order, an official said. But a close examination would be made of all individual business transactions with the British colony.—Reuters.

ANCIENT HISTORY REVEALED

Washington, Dec. 17. The State Department has disclosed in a new series of secret diplomatic documents published yesterday that Mr William Bullitt, American Ambassador in Moscow, telegraphed to the Secretary of State, Mr Cordell Hull, on March 13, 1934, that Russia wanted a treaty pledging non-aggression between the Soviet Union and the United States.

He warned, however, the next day that the Soviet Foreign Minister, M. Litvinov, had suggested that President Roosevelt should propose such an agreement between the United States, Russia, Japan and China.

Mr Hull replied that the President "views with disfavor the idea of any non-aggression pact restricted to less than the whole group of powers that have interests in the Pacific."

Mr Bullitt stated later that Mr Litvinov pressed his idea and had suggested that the proposal might be advanced either in the hope that such a pact may be concluded or with the idea that it would be turned down by the Japanese. The exchange of messages was included in the first of five volumes containing the official documentary record of American diplomatic relations for 1934.—Reuters.

Pick-Pocket At Exhibition

A life banished was arrested last Saturday in the compound of the Exhibition of Chinese Products as he was trying to pick the pocket of a visitor. The man, Pun Pui-chai, 22, came before Mr d'Almeida at Kowloon this morning and was sentenced to 18 months.

According to Inspector Oren, the complainant, Ko Sau-leung, was with a friend at the Exhibition about 8.15 p.m., when his friend noticed defendant building on to his jacket. He asked the complainant whether he had lost anything. On investigating, Ko found his pocket cut.

The defendant had been deported in December 1942 for larceny from person.

INTELLIGENCE TEST SOLUTION

The key to the Intelligence Test Solution is the word "SOLUTION". The word "SOLUTION" is the only word in the list which contains the letter "O" in the second position. The word "SOLUTION" is the only word in the list which contains the letter "I" in the third position. The word "SOLUTION" is the only word in the list which contains the letter "N" in the fourth position. The word "SOLUTION" is the only word in the list which contains the letter "U" in the fifth position. The word "SOLUTION" is the only word in the list which contains the letter "T" in the sixth position. The word "SOLUTION" is the only word in the list which contains the letter "I" in the seventh position. The word "SOLUTION" is the only word in the list which contains the letter "O" in the eighth position. The word "SOLUTION" is the only word in the list which contains the letter "N" in the ninth position. The word "SOLUTION" is the only word in the list which contains the letter "U" in the tenth position. 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